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Former Italian foreign minister jailed

VENICE (AFP) — Italy's former Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis was sentenced Friday to four years in prison for corruption and illegal financial dealings. A Venetian court handed down the sentence for the former socialist minister as part of Italy's anti-corruption campaign. A former Christian Democratic minister of transport, Carlo Bernini, was also sentenced to three years and seven months in prison for similar crimes. The rulings are still to be confirmed by an appeals court. Mr. De Michelis, who held the chief diplomatic post from 1989 to 1992, was found to have received 405 million lire (\$240,000) from firms involved in the construction of a highway from Venice to Padua and the feeder route to Venice's airport. Mr. Bernini was sentenced for obtaining 500 million lire (\$312,000) from public works companies engaged in government contracts. The two men were also ordered to remain out of public office for five years. A Venetian prosecutor began inquiries in 1991 after suspecting a pact between the Socialist and Christian Democrat political parties to accept bribes from public contractors.



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Atlantis lands after record flight

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — After participating in the first U.S.-Russian space linkup in 20 years, the American space shuttle brought a U.S. astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts safely back home on Friday. It was the end of a long, tiring journey for American Norman Thagard, who was the first American to spend time on the Russian space centre that orbits above Central Asia. The space shuttle Atlantis landed at Kennedy Space Centre at 10:54 a.m. (1454 GMT). For the first time, a U.S. spaceship brought back more people than it carried at launch. Atlantis blasted off June 27 with seven crew members, including two Russians dropped off at the Mir space station last week. Mr. Thagard and Russian cosmonauts Vladimir Cezhurov and Genago, caught a ride home on Atlantis after it docked with Mir. Though brief by Russian standards the articles of the control of nady Strekalov, launched aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket 115 days Though brief by Russian standards, the space flight was the longest ever for an American. "Congratulations on your perfect end to your historic mission," mission control said after Atlantis rolled to a stop. "A new era in human space flight has begun."

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Arafat in Cairo

CAIRO (Agencies) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat arrived Friday for talks with Egypt's foreign minister on meeting a deadline for expanding Palestinian authority in the West Bank. "We hope to reach an agreement on July 25," Mr. Arafat told reporters at the Cairo airport. Mr. Arafat met Mr. Musa later Friday. He was expected to leave Frient on expected to leave Egypt on Saturday. In Athens, earlier in today, Mr. Arafat won Greek government and European Union backing for a deal to extend autonomy to the West Bank, diplomatic sources said. Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and Foreign Minister Carlos Papoulias confirmed their support for the deal which was agreed last Tuesday in Gaza by Mr. Arafat and Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

'25% of Mogadishu children starving'

PARIS (AFP) — Twenty-five per cent of the youngest children in Mogadishu are starving and in need of immediate food aid, the French humanitarian organisation International Action Against Hunger said Friday. In a communique released here, the organisation described the figure — based on a sample of 1,800 children under the age of five — as "worrying," and "five times more than the tolerance threshold." It said the situation had continued to deteriorate, as a similar study conducted in November 1994 showed a 10-per cent rate of acute malnutrition. Malnutrition affects both children living in Mogadishu as well as those in camps in the capital. These children, whose weight is at least 20 per cent below the norm, are in danger and need immediate food aid, the report said.

Bomb wounds two Israeli soldiers

BEIRUT (R) — Two Israeli soldiers were wounded on Friday when guerrillas detonated a roadside bomb amid their motorised patrol in South Lebanon, pro-Israeli sources said. They said the blast occurred when the patrol was between the villages of Dei Al Siryan and Al Taybeh inside Israel's South Lebanon occupation zone. In Beirut, Hizbollah issued a statement claiming responsibility for the attack. Later, guerrillas fired several Katyusha rockets into the outskirts of Al Taybeh. No one was hurt in the rocketattack, the pro-Israeli sources

Major's popularity boosted - poll

LONDON (AFP) — Primė Minister John Major's popularity and that of his Tory party has been boosted by his decision to confront his critics and seek reclections, according to a Gailup poll published in Friday's Daily Telegraph. By the end of the 12-day contest precipitated by bitter attacks from his party's Eurosceptic wing, Mr. Major's personal rating stood at 27 per cent, up seven points and higher than it has been at almost any time since September 1992. The poll put the opposition Labour Party at 57 per cent (down 2.5 per cent), the Conservatives at 25.5 (up 5.5 per cent) and The Liberal Democrats at 13 per cent (down 1.5 per cent). The survey was conducted before Mr. Major's victory over former Welsh Secretary John Redwood in the Tory leadership contest on Tues-

Asian 'Biscuit King' dies in New Delhi

NEW DELHI (AP) - An Indian Tycoon who fled Singapore to avoid a jail term for a \$17.7 million fraud died in a New Delhi hospital on Friday. Mr. Pillai, 47, died less than two hours after he was shifted to hospital from a prison where he developed high fever, news agencies said.

Respect for all rights of people is a must, Regent tells scholars

AL al Bait conference ends after adopting dialogue as means to improve Islam's image

Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Friday called for ensuring civil, religious and cultural human rights as well as the right to a decent living to rehabilitate the Arab and Islamic world prior to embarking on Arab and Islamic initiatives to address the

Addressing the closing ses-sion of the 10th conference of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (AL al Bait Foundation), Prince Hassan stressed the importance of honouring human rights and observing international standards and criteria governing human

The Crown Prince said the human element should be the common denominator in planning for the future and when talking about Islam and issues of change, nature and oppression of human beings. Prince Hassan voiced hope that Islamic civilisation will occupy a prominent status in

the 21st century. In reference to the international sanctions imposed on some Muslim countries, inciuding Iraq, Iran and Libya. Prince Hassan said the peo-

(Agencies) — An Israeli negotiator said Israel would

at least first hand over just

three per cent of the West

Bank to Palestinians, but two

new opinion polls published

on Friday showed a majority

of Israelis against an army

Foreign ministry legal

counsel Joel Singer, a key figure in talks with the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO), made the most de-

tailed public comments yet by

an Israeli official on negotia-

tions to extend Palestinian

self-rule in an interview pub-

lished in Maariv newspaper.

hurdles still facing nego-

tiators after two years of peace moves. The two sides

last week set themselves a

deadline of July 25 to sign an

accord after an earlier July 1

deadline passed without an

agreement.

He appeared to point up

ples are paying the price of political tension and politically-motivated deci-

The Crown Prince called for drawing up a comprehensive programme based on an analytical and objective approach, involving all nationalities represented in the meeting to safeguard the image of Islam and counter anti-Islam campaigns. The Crown Prince noted that the academy was not a source for fatwa and does not aspire for that status, but seeks itself to be an academy representing knowledge and research.

Prince Hassan called for utilising electronic mail to make information on Islam and its position on social issues available to those seeking information about this

Prince Hassan voiced hope that the academy's research papers will go beyond mere reports and become an integral part of the new structure and new vision which Muslims might agree upon in light of the challenges of the 21st century, global issues and Islam's position towards issues of change.

The 80 scholars and researchers who took part in the

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in the first stage so long as the

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"The moment they accepted this, they said: "We are ready to go with an initial and very limited redeploy-

ment - six cities, without all

460 villages and all of the rest," he said.

year behind a schedule

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stage of Palestinian self-rule,

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in Maariv and Yedioth Ahro-

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paper, showed 53 per cent of

Israelis opposed an army

withdrawal from West Bank

But two new opinion polls

Bank enclave of Jericho.

The two sides are over a

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cluded their discussions Friday after holding seven sessions over the past three

Participants expressed behef that the Muslim World should pursue dialogue in realisation of the mission entrusted to the Islamic Nation. They said they believe that disputes erupt as a result of tyranny, injustice, and conflict of interests and not as a result of diversity of cultures.

They stressed that Islam believes in the unity of mankind in terms of origin, responsiblity and future and that it is capable of interacting with other cultures. Therefore, they concluded, Islamic culture cannot be classified as an enemy of any other culture.

They stressed that Islam views differences among peoples as one of the God's designs in the universe, consequently man has the right of choice, and there can be no coercion on matters of

In their final communique, participants said that many people in the world are currently preoccupied with

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Maariv, 56 per cent said their

sense of security would drop

while 21 per cent said it

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The Yedioth Ahronoth

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Mr. Singer said the with-

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Iraq demanded an immediate

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An Iraqi Kurd Group, the

Kurdistan Democratic Party

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The KDP also said Thurs-

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FLIGHT FROM VIOLENCE: A man balances a suitcase on

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Five people convicted of first degree mur-der in two separate cases were hanged at Swaga prison south of Amman at dawn Thursday.

Four of the five convicts executed were sentenced to death after being found guilty of sodomising and killing four-year-old Ali Ashoush in Ghor Al Safi late March. The four executed were

Mohammad Nimer Rawahneh, 20, Amin Houwimel, 24, Ra'ed Ousheibat, 19 and Yousef Mashale', 24. According to court docu-ments, Ali left his house on

March 27 and disappeared. The documents indicated that the toddler had met the four men on his way. The men, who had been at a wedding party and drinking, lured the child to a house under construction in Ghor Al Safi and took turns in raping him and then stabbed him to death, according to

court papers.

A week later, the four men were apprehended by police and confessed to strangling and stabbing the toddler to conceal their crime. The body of Ali was found the following day.

After committing the murder, the convicts told the authorities, they went and attended another wedding Another convicted ex-

ecuted Thursday was a 20year-old man identified as Hani Abdul Rahim Khaleileh convicted of killing a 45-yearold man in a ranch near the Yajouz highway.

According to security sources, the victim was related to the convict and shot and killed because of an old The convict was

apprehended by Zarqa police the same evening and confessed to the authorities, the source told the Jordan Times A Royal decree was issued

July 1, approving the death sentence of the five men after their cases were reviewed at the Court of Cassation which approved the ruling of the criminal court. A 47-year-old Zarqa man

is awaiting a Court of Cassation ratification of a death sentence after he was indicted of raping, sodomising and killing a 10-year-old girl, Samar Ghousein, in Zarqa

wounded and two abducted when Turkish troops pushed 15 kilometres into Iraq and

the city. Many families are relocating to avoid the con-

death toll from Turkey's shelled seven villages. three-day incursion into The Anatolian news agennorthern Iraq to hunt down cy said 28 PKK guerrillas and Kurdish guerrillas reportedly five Turkish soldiers were kild on Friday, raising the An official close to the overall death toll to 85 rebels Turkish government, meanand five troops in northern while; denied that its incur-

sion had caused civilian The region has since 1991 casualties or forced been under the control of thousands of people to flee Iraqi Kurds in defiance of Baghdad.

"These are pinpoint and An official spokesman in limited operations against Baghdad called for an imelements of the PKK (Kurmediate withdrawal of Turkish troops and condemned dish Labour Party) which have resettled in border the "new invasion" as a flagzones on Iraqi territory," he rant violation of Iraqi "According to our in-

The spokesman, quoted by the official news agency (INA), said the invasion, the second in five months, contradicted Baghdad's desire to improve relations between

the two countries. "While reiterating its strong condemnation of the fresh Turkish military invasion, the government of Iraq categorically rejects the pretexts cited by the Turkish government to justify its military operations inside the Iraqi territory," the spokesman said. "The new invasion is a flag-

rant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and international

northern Iraq in March with 35,000 troops to destroy the PKK in an operation which lasted six weeks. The fighting is centred in a region controlled by Iraqi re-

bel Kurds and protected by U.S., British and French planes based in Turkey enforcing a no-fly zone in north-

Relations between Baghdad and Ankara have been strained since Turkey helped a U.S.-led coalition which drove Iraq out of Kuwait in

Ankara says the PKK, whose 11-year fight for an independent or autonomous state in southeastern Turkey has cost more than 17,000 lives, takes avantage of lax security in northern Iraq to set up bases there to mount cross-border attacks in Tur-

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Egypt says it opposes raising tension with Sudan

ATHENS (Agencies) -Egypt opposes an escalation of the conflict with Sudan and wants Khartoum to adopt the same line, an advisor to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said on a visit to Greece on Friday.

"We are first awaiting the results of investigations in Addis Ababa and second to see the attitude of the Sudanese government," the advisor, Osama Al Baz, said following a meeting with Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias.

"We hope that Sudan will not provoke an escalation because that is in nobdy's interest," Dr. Baz said, underlining that Sudan has made "several threatening declarations that are dangerous for both countries."

The advisor said he wanted the Ethiopian government to cooperate with Egyptian authorities in providing all the information they have on the attempted assassination of Mubarak in Addis Ababa

late last month. Dr. Baz said Wednesday that "Sudan perhaps played a role, not in the execution but in helping and encouraging" the would-be assassination

claimed by Egyptian fun-

Dr. Baz arrived Thursday in Athens and met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who was also visiting the Greek capital.

Egypt "can help remove obstacles arising at a crucial phase in the peace process" of the Middle East, a Palestinian source said following the

The source also strongly denounced a press campaign launched in the Iranian media against Egypt following the attempted assassination of Mr. Mubarak, which lent support to the assailants.

"This is bad for Iran and for Islam," Dr. Baz said. Sudan said meanwhile it feels threatened by joint exercises by the Egyptian, U.S. and British navies in the Red Sea and believes the aim is to provoke a confrontation.

Culture and Information Minister Abdul Basit Sabdrat, quoted in the independent daily Al Rai Al Akhar on Friday, said the exercises were an indirect threat to Sudan and part of an Egyptian conspiracy to draw

Sudan into confrontation. The one week of naval exercises, called "Saluting Victory 1995," were due to start last Wednesday with the participation of the U.S. guided missile frigate Gallery and the British destroyer Gloucester, defence sources in Cairo said.

The sources said the exercises were planned months ago and had nothing to do with the tension between Egypt and Sudan.
Mr. Sabdrat told another

independent daily, Akbar Al Youm, that Sudan had always demanded the Red Sea be a region of peace.

Egyptian Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi said Ethiopian security was below the standard required for summit meetings of the kind President Mubarak was going to when gunmen attacked his

motorcade. In an interview published in the government newspaper Al Ahram on Friday, General Alfi said he would, however, await the results of the Ethiopian investigation be-

fore passing final judgment. Mr. Mubarak narrowly escaped assassination in the Ethiopian capital Addis Aba-

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-Of-those surveyed for -- (Continued on page 3) Mr. Singer said Palesti-Ariane puts spy satellite

into orbit KOUROU, French Guiana (AFP) — An Ariane rocket Friday deployed Europe's first spy satelline after blasting off from this jungle pad in French territory on the northeast coast of South America. The Helios-IA satellite, built by MatraMarconi Space, is the 100th satellite put in orbit by Ariane. It is to be operational in a few

Despite early morning tropical downpours, the Arianespace rocket carrying the satellite lifted off at 1623 GMT from a jungle launch pad at the European Space Agency centre in this French territory on the northeast coast of South America. It was the 75th mission of the

Ariane programme. The Helios-1A satellite was eased into space about 18 minutes later, launch officials

The satellite will provide Europe with its own means of monitoring world and regional crises, relaying data that will be shared by France, Spain and Italy and made

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Security is not linked to border with Syria — Rabin

TEL AVIV (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in an interview published Friday that security arrange-ments between Israel and Syria would not depend on where the border would be.

Mr. Rabin's remarks appeared to contradict earlier reports that Israeli negotiators have proposed diffe-rent sets of security arrangements to Syria based on how far Israeli troops would withdraw on the Golan Heights seized in the 1967 Mideast

If, for example, Israel retreated to the 1967 border, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Israel would demand demilitarisation of more Syrian territory than if it withdrew only to the edge of the Golan Plateau, media reports

have said. However, Mr. Rabin told the Davar daily Friday that the security arrangements "are not dependent, they stand by themselves."

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tions - all aimed at prevent-

Among the security arrangements being discussed by Israel and Syria are early

elements have their own in-

He poured scorn on the right-wing opposition Likud Party which has attacked the government for dropping this demand.

rians what it failed to gain from the Egyptians... there is no mention in the peace treaty (with Egypt) of a reduction of the Egyptian army. On the contrary, that army has grown since then, and become stronger qualitatively."

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The army chiefs of staff of Israel and Syria met last month to discuss security arrangements. U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross was to return to Israel and Syria next week to prepare another

In Friday's interview, Mr. armed forces.

that we obtain from the Sy-

ing surprise attacks.
"Many of the (security)

specific restriction of forces (there will be)," Mr. Rabin told Davar.

round of officers' talks.

Rabin hinted that Israel no longer demanded a reduction in the size of the Syrian

"The Likud is demanding

Iran port becomes smuggling hotspot

BANDAR ABBAS (AFP) — A major industrial port in southern Iran has become a centre for smuggling, with contraband flooding in from a free-trade Gulf island and the United Arab Emirates.

Despite a recent crackdown on smuggling, dozens of tonnes of consumer goods such as audio-visual equipment and cigarettes are sailed daily across the Gulf from Dubai 150 kilometres away and unloaded illegally at the port town of Bandar Abbas before being distributed throughout Iran.

Many more goods are also transported by small boats from the Iranian Gulf island of Qeshm, a free-trade zone. to the mainland and dumped in Bandar Abbas.

You have to be courageous, know the shoreline and have connections in the police force before you can transit the goods," said Ghasem, a mer-chant in Bandar Abbas baazar.

In a region plagued with high unemployment, hundreds of inhabitants from the port including many women rush to the shore every morning to get on waiting boats which shuttle them to and from Qeshm.

They are allowed to buy up to \$80 worth of goods and bring them back to Bandar Abbas after paying tax, which has also created a thriving legal trade.

They generally travel in large groups to be able to buy in bulk and sell the goods on at Bandar Abbas baazar. "There are no activities

here to attract people besides smuggling and trafficking. But even that is becoming riskier every day," Ghasem said.

The authorities have sharply curbed imports and stepped up the fight against smuggling in a bid to prevent the outflow of foreign currency and save money to pay back \$35 billion in short and medium-term debt to foreign

Smuggling of goods and hard currency costs the country between three to five billion dollars each year. according to official estiCoast guards have been thoroughly searching boats trafficking in the area in the past weeks, arresting hundreds of people and seizing a similar number of vessels in Bandar Abbas alone.

But they are still far from eradicating the trade as many small motor and fishing boats sailing across the Strait of Hormuz are hard to detect and because of alleged corruption among many local government employees, including police officials.

"The government will never be able to eradicate smuggling as long as they use Qeshm as a free-trade zone," said a customs officials.

The government declared Qeshm a free-trade zone three years ago to attract foreign investment and technology, but the island became a starting point for the smuggling of goods.

Most inhabitants here blame the illegal trade on poverty and lack of job opportunities in the region.
"Poverty, unemployment
and lack of entertainment all drive residents towards smug-

said a trader in the region.
Fishing, which was once a main activity in the region, is no longer regarded as an attractive choice of profession by the city's 300,000 residents, after the arrival of large international fishing

in the area. Moreover, the reduction of exports from the port city in recent month, as part of the country's new austerity measures, has badly hit commerce in the region creating more unemployment.

ships, mainly South Korean,

"With the new regulations only 50 containers leave the port, whereas there were up to 300 before," a customs employee said, adding that imports were also down as many businessmen are unwilling to invest money under risky circumstances.

Hassan, a 14-year-old cigarette seller, said he had quit school two years ago to join the trade. "Once in a while I buy and sell an electric fan or stereo and make good money. It's better than selling cigarettes.'

Rabin: extremist rabbis should be called ayatollahs

Minister Yitzhak Rabin a future troop withdrawal in assailed a group of American the West Bank and the possirabbis who have urged religious Jews to rebel against his government in an attempt to derail peace accords with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"I hear strange cries from a small group of rabbis in the United States," Mr. Rabin told the Davar daily in an interview published Friday. "Maybe the name 'ayato-

lahs' fits them better than rabbis."

"I'm talking about a very small group of rabbis, not about American rabbis in general," Mr. Rabin added. The word "ayatollah." a title used by Shiite Muslim clerics in Iran, has become synonymous in Israel with religious and political fanatic-

Mr. Rabin apparently was referring to several dozen orthodox rabbis who met in New York last month to discuss Israel's agreements with

the PLO. The rabbis attacked Mr. Rabin, saying he had no right to give up "parts of the Bib-lical land of Israel."

The rabbis urged religious Israelis not to obey govern-

TEL AVIV (AP) - Prime ment instructions concerning ble uprooting of Jewish settlements, Davar said.

Israel and the PLO are negotiating an accord on a troop pullout from West Bank towns. The agreement is to be signed by July 25 and the withdrawal is likely to take place in the fall. Israeli newspapers re-

ported Friday that there was growing concern among military commanders that religious soldiers would refuse to carry out orders. The West Bank army com-

mander, Major General Ilan Biran, met last week with a leading hawkish rabbi. Avra-ham Shapira, to find out whether he planned to issue a religious ruling barring observant soldiers from participat-ing in dismantling West Bank bases, the Haaretz daily said.

Dozens of religious soldiers have turned to their rabbis for guidance on what to do. Haaretz said.

Rabbi Shapira and some 20 fellow rabbis from the rabbinic association met Thursday to discuss the matter, but did not reach agreement, said Yigal Bibi, a legislator from the National Religious Party.



Salahuddin Mohammad Al Karrar, who delivered a mes-

U.S. remains firmly opposed to easing Iraq sanctions

WASHINGTON - State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Thursday the United States will do whatever it has to do to prevent the United Nations Security Council from easing sanctions against Iraq next

While Mr. Burns refused to use the word "veto," a senior U.S. official left no doubt that the United States, one of the five permanent members of the Security Council, will exercise its veto if the issue is pushed to a vote in the council, Russia and France and perhaps China and other nations are known to favour easing sanctions against Iraq, the official

"They haven't done nearly enough to warrant a lifting of the sanctions by the United Nations, and certainly the United States will adhere to that position when this question comes before the U.N. Security Council on July 12," the spokesman declared.

The United States believes that U.N. Security Council resolution 688 sanctions should continue until Iraq forsakes "terrorism," abandons its attempts to acquire and produce nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, ceases repression of its own citizens, and accounts for 600 to 700 Kuwaitis and others who are missing from the time of Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, he said.

Although he praised the work of Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq, Mr. Burns said the United States is looking at Iraq's "admission of guilt" that it had a biological weapons program-me with a great deal of

"We aren't naive," the spokesman said. "For four years now, under repeated questioning by the international community, Iraq insisted that it did not have biological weapons, and now it says it did."

What happened to the 17 tonnes of biological growth material that Ekeus reported is missing?" Mr. Burns asked. "Did Iraq ever attempt to create delivery vehicles for the biological weapons that it now says it was producing before the outbreak of the Gulf war in

"We have said repeatedly we are concerned about Iraq's failure to comply with all of these relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions," the spokesman said. "And before there can be a serious discussion of modifying the sanctions regime, Iraq needs to demonstrate compliance with all of the relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, not just on weapons of mass destruc-

1990 and 1991?

He said Ambassador Madeleine Albright, the U.S. the U.N., said it well July 5: "A la carte compliance by Iraq is simply not an acceptable way to proceed.'

as a responsible member of the international community. it must comply with all of relevant resolutions, he said. "It's not just a question of doing or saying the right thing on biological weapons. "It is one thing to say after

four years of international prodding that you now admit your guilt. It's quite another to explain what happened to the growth material," Mr. Burns said. "Were they developing delivery vehicles for biological weapons that could have killed millions of people? These are very serious questions. They cannot be disregarded simply because the Iragis have made what I would say is a self-serving statement about their past culpability on biological weapons," the spokesman

"We'll have to see what other nations think and what they say when the issue of sanctions comes up again

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next week at the U.N. Security Council," the spokesman said. "Obviously, as you allknow, there are some countries who believe that if Iraq says the right thing, then perhaps Iraq should be let off quite easily. We don't believe

"And we don't believe, given Iraq's past behaviour towards its neighbours and on this particular question, they ought to be let off with just a simple statement. They ought to be held to a very stiff test. That's what the U.N. Security Council voted on in 1991 and that's what we still believe," Mr. Burns de-

"We think the international community, for its own sake and its own interests, should remain scepitcal until there are concrete deeds that establish that there's been a change in attitude in Baghdad," he said.

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dard. We feel very strongly about this issue. It has a direct impact on our national talk about 17 tonnes of biological growth material material that if it has not been destroyed, if it is currently being hidden, could pose a threat to millions of people in the Middle East and around the world you've got to take that threat seriously, and we do."

"We will do whatever we have to do to protect the four areas of interest that we've outlined," Mr. Burns replied when asked if the U.S. would cast a veto. "We'll just have to see how the debate goes, but right now we don't believe that there is any basis to lift those sanctions.

He said the U.S. bones to convince its partners that "it's just too early" to change a four-year-old policy on the basis of a single Iraqi state-ment. "We wouldn't expect to have to act alone. We think a number of our partners are just as sceptical as we are," the spokesman said.

Arabs and Jews unite to bring ailing Bosnians

TEL AVIV (R) — Six ailing children and men from warravaged Yugoslavia flew to Israel on Friday for hospital care in an effort financed in part by Arabs and Jews, organisers said.

The four children and two men were taken to Hadassah bospital in Jerusalem after being evacuated from Saraje to by a United Nations, group and flown by chartered plane to Israel.

A spokesman for the

World Conference on Religion and Peace, an inter-faith organisation, said his group sponsored the effort in part with private donations from Jews and Palestinians here and abroad. "Being able to have

Israelis and Palestinians work ether to help people other than themselves is very important because they're able to work together as equals," tion.

"By doing this, you put your own suffering into perspective," he told Reuters. He said hundreds of sick or injured children remain in the former Yugoslavia awaiting treatment, including at least 50 amoutees who need to be fitted with artificial limbs.

One of those airlifted, a 30-year-old man from Sarajevo, injured in a mortar attack, had burns over 60 per cent of his body and was unable to move his joints.

A Bosnian girl who was supposed to be evacuated died of internal bleeding from war injuries before the Israeli flight arrival.

Israeli surgeon Ahmad Eid, who accompanied the patients from their pick-up point in Split, Croatia, said none had received adequate medcical care in the former

Kinkel ends Beirut visit, 🗸 says Bonn seeks progress

BEIRUT (AP) — Germany's foreign minister said Friday his country and Europe were interested in seeing "major progress" achieved in the U.S.-sponsored Middle East

peace process.

Klaus Kinkel spoke at a joint news conference with his Lebanese counterpart, Fariz Bouez, at the end of a two-day visit to Beirut. The minister and his delegation of senior German business executives later flew home.

Before his departure, Mr. Kinkel had talks with Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, Mr. Bouez and Deputry Parliament Speaker Elias Ferzli. He met Thursday with

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, the architect of a \$14 billion reconstruction programme launched after the end of Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war. In addition to the Arab-

Israeli peace negotiations, Mr. Kinkel discussed with the Lebanese leaders ways to expand economic and trade cooperation through increased German participation in the reconstruction projects. German companies have

won contracts worth millions of dollars to enlarge Beirut airport and rehabilitate the country's damaged telephone Mr. Kinkel said he found

Lebanon "a fertile ground" for postwar investments. Mr. Bouez said he discussed with Mr. Kinkel an agreement to prevent double taxation and ways to provide insurance for investments.

Before meeting Mr. Bouez, Mr. Kinkel visited downtown Beirut, where Mr. Hariri's government has launchefi a \$1.8 billion re-

building plan. He was accompanied by Nasser Shamaa, chief of Solidere, the Lebanese company

charged with rebuilding the ravaged commercial districts. Mr. Kinkel said he briefed Mr. Bouez on a telephone contact he had with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres Thursday.

Mr. Kinkel was in Syria when he took a call from Mr. Peres. The Israeli minister asked his German counterpart to assure the Syrian leadership that Israel was serious about peace.

Syria is the undisputed master of Lebanon, which has 40,000 Syrian troops stationed on its soil as peacekeepers. Progress in the Syrian-Israeli peace talks is crucial for Lebanon to forge ahead with its own negotiations with the Jewish state. "We try to have a balanced

policy" in the Middle East, Mr. Kinkel said, indirectly refuting accusations he heard in Syria that Europe was bias towards Israel. On Thursday, Mr. Kinkel

said that Germany was interested in Lebanon's "highly important political and economic role. He reiterated his country's

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support for an Israeli withdrawal from a border enclave' in southern Lebanon in line with U.N. Security Council Resolution 425. Mr. Bouez said Friday that

a united Germany could play a bigger role through the European Union in Middle East peace efforts.
"We believe that Europe

now and in the future has a role in the peace process," he

NEWS IN BRIEF

Germany accuses Iran, Syria of spying

BONN (AFP) - Iran and Syria are carrying out widespread spying in Germany, Germany's interior ministry has said. The 200-page annual report by the office for protection of the constitution, presented Thursday by Interior Minister Manfred Kanther, devoted two pages to alleged activities by the Iranian and Syrian secret services. "Germany is a major site for the operations of the Iranian secret services," the report said. "Their activities are centred on surveying some 100,000 Iranians living in Germany and collecting scientific-technical and military information." The report said that for years Iran had been aiming to develop a miclear and chemical weapons capability "to be independent of foreign countries." "Syria's secret services are pursuing similar activities in Germany," the report went on. The methods were "as rigorous as those used in former eastern bloc countries." where Syria was aided by the former Soviet KGB and the east German Stasi secret services.

Suspect arrested in Dubai church fire

DUBAI (AFP) — A suspect has been arrested for ramming his car into a Roman Catholic church, causing a fire, and is believed to have been trying to commit suicide while drunk, police said Friday. They said the suspect, identified only as a 31-year-old Gulf Arab, had told investigators he crashed into the forecourt of the Dubai church on June 30 "by mistake" under the influence of alcohol. He had doused himself and the car with petrol and tried to commit suicide, apparently because of family problems, police said. But when the vehicle caught fire, the man fled. Police did not say when the suspect was picked up. The fire caused slight damage to the roof of the forecourt in front of St. Mary's Church after the car crashed through the iron gates. Dubai, like the six other members of the United Arab Emirates, is known for its

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Lebanon reopens renowned attraction

a vast series of floodlit caverns that were one of the country's most spectacular tourist attractions before the 1975-90 civil war. The caves at the source of the Dog River in mountains north of Beirut stretch hundreds of metres into a mountainside. They were used as an arms dump by a sectarian militia during the war. Attractions include subterranean boat rides through a series of flooded caves and magical walks past huge stalactite and stalagmite formations amid soaring ceilings and dizzying drops. The caves, discovered by an American hunter in 1836, were formally reopened on Thursday evening after closing down at the

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Jordan, Egypt to discuss trade Talks to focus on commodity diversification

AMMAN (Petra) -- The Jordanian-Egyptian Joint Economic Committee will hold a meeting in Amman next week to discuss trade exchanges, according to an announcement Friday.

The four-day meeting which will be co-chaired by Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb and his Egyptian counterpart, Mohammad Mahmoud, is expected to draft ways to diversify the commodities exchanged between the two countries,

the statement said. It said that the plans aim at further facilitating the flow of goods in both directions and increasing the volume of

According to the statement, the talks will be preceded by a preparatory meeting in Amman between Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary General Mohammad Smadi and his Egyptian counterpart, Fakhri Abul Izz, who is due to arrive in Amman today at the head of an Egyptian

The Egyptian-Jordanian trade meeting follows talks held in Cairo by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Information Khaled Karaki, who returned to Amman Friday, and Egyptian Minister of Information Safwat

After that meeting the two ministers said they reviewed cooperation efforts between their national news agencies including radio and televi-

The ministers agreed to link their national news agencies through a direct line and to set up a committee grouping technicians from the radio and television corporations of both countries to promote the exchange of news material and programmes.



Ali Abul Ragheb

Initial pullback to cover 3%

would leave seven West Bank cities, rather than six, and stay out of villages except to pursue guerrillas or protect

The seventh city appears to : Hebron where Israel and the PLO have agreed to negotiate special security arrangements because of 400 Jewish settlers living in the

heart of the city.
Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin called Hebron "a problem unto itself" in an interview with the daily Davar. But he said: "It's inconceivable that because of 415 Jews in Hebron, 100,000 residents of Hebron won't

take part in the vote." The fate of more than 140,000 Jews in settlements scattered among the two miltion West Bank and Gaza Palestinians will be addressed only in final-status talks start-

ing by May 1996. A settler spokesman said Thursday work is underway to build a new Jewish settlement on the occupied West Bank between Jerusalem and

Bulldozers began clearing the land on Tuesday ready for the construction of 600 homes, said Aharon Domb, spokesman for the settler's Vest Bank and Gaza Strip

The site is close to Karabata, two kilometres from the old green line which sepa-rated Israel and the West Bank before the 1967 Middle

Mr. Domb said the pre-vious government of Yitzhak Shamir gave permission to

build the settlement, to be called Kfar Oranim, a year before it fell in the 1992

general elections. A private con company had been hired to carry out the work in the area, which is close to several other settlements, said Mr.

The move was likely to bring an angry response from some quarters of the Labour coalition government led by Prime Minister Rabin.

Mr. Rabin declared a freeze on new settlement outside the Jerusalem area in 1992, but allowed the completion of thousands of hous-

ing units.
"Many things are done without this government knowing of them," Mr. Domb said:

The settlers launched a mass campaign on June 13 totry to prevent army redeplovment outside Palestinian areas on the West Bank. They have expanded numerous settlements and illegally occupied empty governmentowned apartments:

Settlers held up traffic during rush-hour on a main road through the territory in protest at plans for pull out, witnesses said.

People from the colony of Karnei Shomron drove about 40 cars at snail's pace along the Nablus to Kalkilya road. Stickers saying "no to joint patrols" had been fixed to the

Under the redeployment project, the army and Palestinian police may mount joint patrols to maintain security in certain areas.

Respect for all rights

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Islam, noting that they are either hostile or supportive. Consequently, they said, the appropriate climate is available for introducing facts about Islam and for inviting people to follow its righteous path and for calling on all peoples who aspire for stability, security and peace based on justice to work together for the attainment of these

Participants also asserted the need for closer ties among nations and cultures with the aim of attaining cooperation and action against all forms of tyranny. and for ensuring respect of

human rights.

They further recommended that action be taken to define contents of the Islamic identity with its detailed

elements on the basis of a scientific approach with a view to clarifying and refining the real image of Islam which has been subject to tarnishing and to highlight the true image of Islam through studies

and mass media. Participants also called on specialised Islamic institutes in the Arab World to undertake detailed research and initiate firm academic traditions for the study of the various religions and cultures, particularly the Westem cutture and to build dialogue with it on equal basis.

Participants proposed one of the following three topics for discussion during next year's (11th) session of the academy. The topics include Horzons and Challenges of the Future, Islam and Universal Issues and Islam and the Issue of Change.

Iraq demands end to incursion

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The Iraqi spokesman said Baghdad had explained to the Turkish government that the risks stemming from the "abnormal condition in northern Iraq" could be dealt with only through cooperation with the central government in Baghdad and ending "colonial intervention in the

in Washington, Pentagon deputy spokesman Captain Mike Doubleday said the United States urged Turkey "to make a maximum effort to protect the lives and property of innocent civilians" following the Turkish incursion across its border with Iraq. He also urged the Turks to "limit the scope and duration of the operation and to safeguard human rights."

'U.N. must close biological file'

Continued from page 12) weapons agents clostridium botulinum and bacillus anthracis started at Al Hakam in 1989 and continued until 1990.

The Swedish diplomat visited Baghdad at Iraq's invitation from June 30 to July 2 to discuss Iraq's compliance with U.N.-mandated disarmament after its defeat in the Gulf war.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed times and places with the concerned institutions.

FILM

Japanese film with Arabic subtitles, entitled "Hearts and Flowers for the Sake of Tura," at the Samir Rifai Auditorium of the University of Jordan, at 5:30 p.m.

POETRY RECITAL

By poet Hazem Mubeidin at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art at 7:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Paintings by Adnan Yahyah at Darat Al Funun, Jabal

- * Paintings by Bernard Gerges and Rita Gerges, entitled, "Lebanon Tomorrow," at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- * Paintings by Jordanian Artist Muhammad Majali at the Phoenix Gallery of Culture and Art.
- Works by Iraqi artist Tahija Al Hakim at Ab'ad Art Gallery.
- * Exhibition demonstrating the development of cinema over the past century at the French Cultural Centre.

"Works by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Gallery.

Karaki returns from Cairo meeting on cooperation in information areas

Amman (Petra) - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Information Khalid Karaki Friday returned to Amman after attending the ordinary session of the Council of Arab Ministers of

While in Cairo Dr Karaki discussed with his Egyptian counterpart, Safwat Sharif, means of enhancing bilateral relations in the information

Information, which concluded in Cairo Thursday.

In an arrival statement, Dr Karaki said the main objectives of the council's meeting was to crystallise a position defining the new Arab information language, and working out a pan-Arab information strategy.

The strategy presented to the council was promising, Dr Karaki said, adding that many issues on the council's agenda were approved.

He described the meeting's atmosphere as positive and boding well for future coop-eration in the field of Arab information work, because Arab information issues are complicated and intricate, given the new challenges posed by the information and communication revolu-



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Information Khaled Karaki Friday returns to Amman after participating in an Arab ministers of information meeting in Cairo

These issues, along with other Arab cultural and intellectual issues, which altogether form the broad basis for Arab information work, according to Dr. Karaki, requires long and dedicated

Dr Karaki said that agreeing on a pan-Arab information language does not mean

ters agreed to unify their voice, but that they respect diversity. privacy ·

national interest.

On bilateral meetings with other Arab information ministers, Dr Karaki said Jordan maintains unique relations with most Arab countries .noting that there is close cooperation between radio and television stations and news agencies, press and

Of his talks with Mr. Sharif, Dr Karaki said he discussed a mechanism for the implementation of the information aspects of the Joint Higher Jordanian-Egyptian Committee meetings, and that a link has been re-established between the Jordan News Agency, Petra, and the Egyptian Middle East News Agency.

VTC workshop looks to expand personnel training in tourism sector

AQABA (Petra) -- The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) plans to expand its training programmes in hotel management and the tourism sector to meet the growing needs for qualified personnel in this industry, particularly as tourism to Jordan is expected to witness a boom because of the signing of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty, according to engineer Ali Nasrallah, VTC director general.

Addressing the opening session of a workshop held in Aqaba on Jordan's personnel needs in the tourism industry, Mr Nasrallah said that the VTC has recently set up a hotel training centre and a small notel tol port city of Aqaba.

The VTC has redirected its priorities towards hotel management and tourism. Mr Nasrallah said.

Plans are to increase the number of students taking general vocational training courses rather than academic training to at least 39 per cent male students and 20 per cent female students by the end of this year, added Mr Nasrallah

Previously the Hotel Management Institute was the only institution providing such training. But in the past five years the VTC opened 12 centres offering training courses in hotel management, according to Mr Nasrallah.

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The Aqaba beach front

The workshop was opened by the president of the Agaba Region Authority, Fayez Khasawneh, who said that the meeting was

designed to determine the training needs in the tourism industry in Agaba, ways of developing tourism services and overcoming impediments to such development.

The workshop was organised by the VTC in cooperation with the Holiday Hotel.



Jordanian produce on sale at a local Amman market

South Korea seeks harsh punishments for store disaster

Korea's cabinet took steps Friday to impose harsh punishment on those responsible for last week's collapse of a Seoul department store in which more than 400 people are feared killed.

A government official said the cabinet approved a bill to allow life imprisonment for people whose actions resulted in shoddy construction which led to the loss of human lives. Another bill calls for a maximum of 10 years in jail for anyone found responsible for non-fatal acci-

"The bills were passed today at cabinet level. It is likely to go through a special National Assembly session early next week," a par-liamentary official said.

Under current law, courts can jail up to five years or fine up to 50 million won (\$65,790) a person found responsible of neglect resulting in substandard construction work or inspection.

Relatives of those reported missing in the June 29 collapse of the Sampoong Department Store have demanded owner Lee Joon be punished harshly.

Mr. Lee, his son and two others have been arrested on charges of criminal negligence which resulted in the

Prosecutors questioned Friday more city officials suspected of taking bribes to allow illegal renovation work at the collapsed store, where the death toll now stands at 142 with 288 missing.

Communist North Korea, making its first comment on the disaster, said the collapse was the symptom of a corrupt, ailing and incompetent social system.

The accident... is a manmade disaster caused by the anti-popular policy of the authorities and their incompetent, corrupt and ailing social system," said Minju Chosun, a state newspaper.

"After the accident, rescue work is dragging, only a fuss being made. This fully shows the anti-popular nature of the civilian regime," said the newspaper in a signed commentary carried by the Ko-rean Central News Agency (KCNA).

"The collapse of Sampoong Department Store is an inevitable result of shoddy construction. It was built by those without elementary knowledge about construction in a slipshod way," said KCNA, monitored in Tokyo.

At the disaster site, rescuers dug out chunks of concrete and steel in vain hope of finding survivors. Only five bodies were retrieved from the debris Friday.

Rescue officials said they had fumigated the area to prevent the spread of infection from decomposing Relatives of those still mis-

sing urged the government to act more quickly to retrieve

the bodies from the tangle of wreckage.

"Please do something quickly. I must have a body to bury," said one mother of a 22-year-old woman emplovee.

Pumps and sandbags were brought into the disaster area as heavy rainfall was forecast for the weekend.

"Once it starts raining, it's going to be a messy job," said an official at the Emergency Task Force.

Traumatised by the deadly mall collapse, many South Koreans are shunning the glitzy shopping centres that have thrived on the nation's newfound riches.

Shopping complexes that cater to Seoul's wealthy families said Friday their sales have dropped an average 25 per cent since the posh Sampoong Department Store caved in on more than 1,000 people. Malls elsewhere in the country reported smaller but significant declines.

Kohl lays wreath at to that of ex-Radical Presi-

German soldier's tomb

WARSAW (AFP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl, on the second day of his official visit to Poland, laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown German soldier here Friday, Polish News Agency (PAP) reported.

Some 700 German soldiers killed in the Polish capital during World War II are buried in Warsaw's North Cemetery. During the ceremony, prayers were read out by two German priests, one Protestant and one Catholic. The Polish press mean-

while Friday hailed Germany's support for Poland's membership of the European Union, underlining the "real-ism" expressed by Mr. Kohl during the first day of his

In a nationally televised address to parliament Thursday, Mr. Kohl said there were no shortcuts to joining the European Union, but Germany would help Poland's candidacy.

Many papers such as the independent daily Zycie Warszawy and the economic Nowa Europa lifted Mr. Kohl's comments in which he stated: "Poland needs Europe, but Europe also

regarding Poland's membership of the European Union. All he did was "express hope that Poland would find its way into the EU and decade," it said.

where they were abducted while on a trekking holiday, released tourists, a previously 1,179 people die in Chinese floods

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN

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Indian troops seek abducted tourists

an official spokesman said.

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cials said could be from

Afghanistan. Afghan guerril-

las are known to be fighting

alongside local militants to

end Indian rule over Kash-

Fifteen militants seized

seven foreign tourists and

their two Kashmiri guides at

Pahalgam. The wives of two

of the abducted men, the

guides and an elderly fore-

igner were freed unharmed.

tors did not speak Kashmiri,

the local language, and may

have been from Afghanistan.

In a note handed to the

The guides said the abduc-

firm their identities.

Indian police have said the

from London.

man said.

An Indian security guard is positioned outside

the United Nations Organisation (UNO) office

in the city of Srinagar in the northern Kashmir

state, where two Americans and two British

NEW DELHI (AFP) -

Muslim guerrillas seized four

journalists in a fresh wave of

abductions in Kashmir, as In-

dian troops intensified the

search Friday for two British

and two American tourists

kidnapped three days ago. Gunmen raided two news-

paper offices in the state's

summer capital Srinagar and

abducted the journalists late

Thursday, a Kashmir govern-

ment spokesman here said.

into the office of an Urdu-

language newspaper "Nida-E-Mashriq" and dragged away the editor Abdul Rashid Shah, the Press Trust

Later, they went to the

office of English newspaper "Greater Kashmir" and

asked the chief editor to

accompany them, saying

their commander wanted to

When the editor resisted,

the militants pounced on

three other journalists —

Bashir Manzar, Manzoor

Qazi and Shafatt Ahmad

Matoo - and took them

No one has claimed re-

sponsibility for the kidnap-

pings, which came after Mus-

lim rebels seized the four

foreign tourists from a moun-

tainous resort almost 100

kilometres (62 miles) east of

The Indian authorities sent

reinforcements to beef up the

already large number of

troops looking for the tourists

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Srinagar Tuesday.

of India (PTI) reported.

The militants first barged

tourists have been abducted by Kashmiri

Muslim militants. The wives of two of the

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Al Faran, claimed responsi-

bility for the abduction and

demanded the release of 21

Muslim guerrillas from pris-

prisoner named was a mem-

ber of the pro-Pakistan

Harkat-Ul-Ansar, which is

known to have mercenaries

from Afghanistan and other

bel groups have condemned the abduction of the four

foreigners, saying it was "bound to bring a bad name

to the genuine struggle of the

are in Srinagar to try to se-

cure the release of their

U.S. and British diplomats

During the past few year,

Muslim militants have

abducted several Westerners,

including tourists from Bri-

tain, the United States and

Israel, to focus global atten-

India accuses Pakistan of

arming and training the Mus-

lim militants. Islamabad de-

nies the charge, saying it only

gives moral and diplomatic

support to what it describes

as a legitimate struggle for

Indian Prime Minister P.V.

Narasimha Rao pledged Fri-

day to secure the release of

the four Western tourists

Mr. Rao, speaking to the

Press. Trust of India news

agency during a visit to the

southern state of Andhra

Pradesh, said he was closely

monitoring the situation.

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Police said at least one

UNO office (AFP photo)

lion acres) hectares have been completely destroyed, the report said. Some 540 people have died

Hunanese have been stranded, with more than 300,000 of them unreachable for more than 50 hours, the

flecting the administration's hesitancy in making changes in policy towards Havana which could stir a domestic

reelection campaign. Meanwhile, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator Jesse Helms, proposed that the United States and Cuba

under strict conditions. tic solidarity bill" is to tighten the screws on Cuba's Communist President Fidel Castro, not ease anti-Cuba reg-

"The administration continues to review a number of possible steps that might enhance our ability to increase communications with, and provide support for, those roups in Cuba and working for democratic change because we think that democratic change is what's got to take place in Cuba. Mr.

Burns told reporters. He cited a specific interest in supporting "those groups that want a different kind of future for Cuba after 35-36 years of dictatorship, that want democracy, that want

American news organisations to open bureaus in Cuba, Mr. Burns said: "That could be one of the steps that we would take if we decided to

Man finds priceless necklace in garden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - A man digging in his garden in southern Sweden found an ornate gold necklace believed to be 2,000 years old, a discovery that experts called sensational. Weighing about 500 grammes (17 ounces), the piece consists of two bulbs adorned with granular and filigree gold, linked by strands of braided gold thread. It was made in a Celtic style probably in the early iron age. either in Sweden or modenday Ireland, experts said.
"This is sensational," said curator Karin Rex Svensson. whose Alvsborg Museum about 275 kilometres (173 miles) southwest of Stockholm - was the first to examine the necklace, which was discovered five years ago. Only about six other such necklaces are known in the world, said Ms. Svensson, who notified outside experts about the piece after the man brought it in last week. While not unprecedented archaeologists already have about 16 kilos (35 pounds) of gold artifacts from western Sweden - officials were excited because the necklace might indicate a trove at the ...

Fertility clinic admits to egg switches

IRVINE, California (AFP)

Officials at a fertility clinic

affiliated with a major U.S.

university have admitted in a report that at least 30 patients were unknowingly involved in unauthorised egg switches. The University of California at Irvine has found seven cases in which couples believe someone else has their biological children or that they have raised the biological children of other couples, spokeswoman Fran Tardiff said. The university closed the Centre for Reproductive Health last month after suing the three doctors who founded it. "We are dismayed at the magnitude of the allega-tions surrounding the CRH," said Sidney Golub, the university's executive vice chancellor. One couple, Debbie and John Challender, came forward last month to say they believe others are raising their biological twins. Their attorney reported receiving 80 to 100 calls from other concerned patients after the Challenders spoke out. A former clinic nurse said at a state hearing month that he knew of 10 cases in which women received fertilised eggs from other patients. Two doctors who practice at the centre -Jose Balmaceda and Sergio Stone - denied any wrongdoing. They also practiced at another clinic, the AMI-Garden Grove Medical Centre. Investigators believe unauthorised egg-switching took place between 1988 and 1992 at both clinics, the university said in a statement. Officials at the university have been accumulating new evidence since mid-June on the clinic that treated more than 700 patients per year

Actresses busted for real-life call-girl roles

during its peak year.

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - Malaysian police detained eight actresses and models who formed a high-class call girl syndicate at Kuala Lum-pur nightspots, press reports said Friday. The New Straits Times daily said the young women were arrested last week after they paraded in front of undercover police at a top hotel here, complete with press clippings to prove their ccelebrity status. The women, aged 18 to 25, were duped by the police into believing they were entertaining corporate high-flyers, who made up their regular clientele. Their 27-year-old pimp, a financial consultant by prolession, was also arrested. The pimp had surfaced after the undercover police spent two months frequenting night clubs, spreading the word that they were looking for sex with actresses. He arranged a meeting with eight of the women, who have not been named, and set the fee for sex at 5,000 ringgit (\$2,000) per session of "personalised service. The New Straits Times drew parallels between the bust and the 1993 arrest of Heidi Fleiss, the Beverly Hills "Madame," who has since been jailed for supplying pricey prostitutes to some of Hollywood most powerful men.

Argentine province governor quits

BUENOS AIRES (R) -Crying foul against the central government, the ruler of Argentina's second-largest province quit Thursday night, leaving behind empty state coffers and workers on the warpath.

Eduardo Angeloz, gov-ernor of Cordoba for 13 years, stepped down five months before he was due to hand over power to a fellow member of the opposition Radical Party. He resigned amid a finan-

cial crisis which has kept local workers penniless since May and sparked violent President Carlos Menem,

who begins his second term in office Saturday, called an urgent cabinet meeting for Friday morning, In a televised address, Mr.

Angeloz blamed the sorry state of Cordoba finances on Mr. Menem's administration, which he said systematically boycotted the province in favour of others controlled by the ruling Personist Party. "We are victims of a sinis-

ter plan," said Mr. Angeloz. "Mine is a political sacrifice designed to show what lies ahead if provinces are sent- of the resignation, called an enced to die in the name of

The governor accused Economy Minister Domingo bears a striking resemblance

LOS ANGELES (AFP)

Prosecutors in the trial of

O.J. Simpson rested their

case after five months of pro-

ceedings during which 58 wit-

nesses were heard in the most

watched legal drama in U.S.

Marcia Clark, the lead pro-

secutor fighting Simpson's

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Bill Clinton asked

Americans Thursday to set

aside their fears and pre-

judices and work together "in

a chorus of harmony" to

"America's problems

won't go away unless Amer-

icans stick together." Mr.

Clinton said at Georgetown

Clinton criticised a sugges-

tion by Sen. Jesse Helms that

the government should think

about spending less money fighting AIDS. The Republi-can who heads the Senate

Foreign Relations Commit-

tee said the disease is brought

on by "deliberate, disgusting,

revolting conduct."

Mr. Clinton, without men-

tioning Sen. Helms by name,

urged politicians and the pub-

lic to be more tolerant. "Gay

people who have AIDS are

still our sons, our brothers, our cousins — are citizens.

They're Americans, too," he

"They're obeying the law and working hard," Mr. Clin-ton said. "They're entitled to

be treated like everybody

But the president avoided

some of the harsh rhetoric he

often unleashed on Republi-

cans. In fact, he urged Amer-

icans to be less caustic in their

When talking to someone

with a different view, he told

Americans to ask themselves:

"Is it the language of respect

or a language of a suspect?"

Instead of harping on the worse in society, "we ought

said.

criticism.

At the same time, Mr.

solve the nation's ills.

University.

"The people rest," said

Cavallo. also a native of Cordoba, of thwarting while in the United States last week his bid to place a \$150 million bond through U.S. bank Dil-lon Read. This was due to his refusal to toe the national line on privatisations and budget cuts, said Mr. Ange-

"Federalism has been violated and we are prisoners of the central power," he

The breakdown in talks with Dillon Read late Wednesday scuttled the province's plans to obtain a paraliel \$100 million loan from local banks, sending workers back into the streets to demand two months of back salaries.

Unionists Thursday threatened new riots like those which injured a dozen police and landed hundreds of protesters in jail two weeks ago after they gutted Radical Party offices. 'I must prevent any act of

violence that would justify a federal takeover of the province," said Mr. Angeloz. The government so far has denied a possible takeover

but Mr. Menem, on learning urgent cabinet meeting for Friday morning. Mr. Angeloz's departure

The defence was to open

its case Monday but it was

uncertain whether Simpson

would take the stand to de-

fend himself against charges

that he slashed his ex-wife

Nicole Simpson and her

friend Ronald Goldman to

death in a jealous rage on

Simpson has pleaded inno-

cent to the charges. He has

been in jail since last June.

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Mr. Clinton has made simi-

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this year, but Thursday's was

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family that is going up or down together," the presi-

But he conceded that these

are tough times for nice

thoughts: Economic insecur-

ity, racial strife, rampant vio-

lence and cynical politics

make hatred easier than har-

middle class values... are still

very much at risk," he said.

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a chorus of harmony," Mr.

Clinton said. "In a chorus of

harmony you know there are a lot of difference, but you

Meanwhile, the White

House says it's OK to solicit

up to \$100,000 from wealthy

Democrats to dine with Presi-

dent Clinton or socialise with

his wife or Vice President Al

Gore, suggesting it's a time-

honoured fund-raising tool.

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No matter that Mr. Clinton

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"Middle class dreams and

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June 12, 1994.

Clinton calls for more civility

it," Mr. Clinton said.

dent Raul Alfonsin, who handed over power to Menem six months early due to riots and hyperinflation. Under Mr. Menem, Mr. Cavallo has worked the wonder of high growth and low

President Menem starts a new term pledging to maintain the economic policies that have brought Argentina stability and growth but faced with rising unemployment and the sharpest economic slowdown in years.

Mr. Menem, escorted by his daughter Zulemita acting first lady since he separated from his wife Zulema - will promise to speed reforms of the battered banking sector, pushed to the verge of collapse by Mexico's December devaluation.

Leaks of the 65-year-old Peronist leader's speech show his determination to keep twisting the arms of provincial governors to privatise all industry in line with the central government.

But the pomp and circumstance of the start of a shorter second term, four years rather than six, will be overshadowed by Argentina's sharpest economic slowdown since the Peronists came to power in 1989.

er sister Denise Brown and

Brian "Kato" Kaelin, an

avowed moocher who was

Simpson's houseguest at the

and shook hands with House

Speaker Newt Gingrich just

last month on forming a com-

mission on lobbying and

campaign-finance reform.
"We're not going to disarm
ourselves unilaterally,"

White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said

But public-interest groups

cried foul, suggesting Demo-

crats have put White House

access on the auction block.

this," Common Cause President Ann McBride said of the

Democratic National Com-

mittee's (DNC) latest fund-raising effort. "It is not

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- An annual \$100,000

contribution brings two meals with President Clinton, two

with Mr. Gore, a spot on a

foreign trade mission with

DNC and business leaders,

"impromptu meetings" with

administration officials and a

daily fax "briefing" report.

— A \$100,000 gift also

gives donors the desgination

of "managing trustee," enti-

tled to preferential treatment

at the 1996 Democratic con-

vention and a DNC staff

member "specifically

assigned... to assist them in

their personal requests."

— A \$50,000 donor gets a

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presidency."

DNC catalogue:

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Prosecution rests in Simpson trial

secution changed its position and dropped plans to call Nicole Simpson's mother, Juditha, as its final witness. needs Poland. Prosecutors called 58 witnesses including Nicole's old-

However according to the left-wing Gazeta Wyborcza, Mr. Kohl "said nothing new" NATO before the end of the

of which 1.1 million (2.7 mil-

caused by torrential rain have cut a swathe of destruction through southern China, leaving 1,179 people dead, affecting a further 100 million and causing damage estimated at more than \$4

The Civil Affairs Ministry, in a flood bulletin Friday, said 26,115 people had been injured between May and July 4, and estimated direct economic losses at 36.6 billion yuan (\$4.4 billion).

The Yangtze River pro-vinces of Hunan and Jiangxi

disaster, which Chinese officials have said threatens to surpass the flooding of 1954 and become the worst this

Nearly 100 million people in a total of 10 southern provinces have been affected by the flooding, which has destroyed 900,000 houses and damaged a further 392,000.

people have been stranded by

Altogether 5.61 million

rising waters and 1.31 million have had to be evacuated from their homes to safety. A total 6.53 million hectares (16 million acres) of

and 14,582 injured in Hunan alone, where the government has flown in six airplanes of food and medicine and thrown more than five million people into the flood relief struggle.

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ministry report said,

U.S. to establish full diplomatic links with Vietnam WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Bill Clinton be before the president." Mr. Burns refused to give A spokeswoman for one

plans to reestablish full diplomatic relations with Vietnam. U.S. officials told the New York Times, as three senators announced an upcoming resolution urging the same move. "We see this as the most

effective way to meet our priority of getting the fullest possible accounting of those Americans missing from the Vietnam era," an unidentified administration official was quoted as saying in Friday's edition of the Times.

The officials said a formal order granting Vietnam full diplomatic recognition had not been signed yet by Mr. Clinton, but that a draft order recommending the policy being completed by national security adviser Anthony Lake was expected to be presented to the president within the next few

days.
Mr. Clinton may announce the decision as early as next week, the officials said. The officials told the daily that the White House was drawing up a list of leading lawmakers and foreign governments who will be in-

formed once as Mr. Clinton

makes his formal decision. The disclosures to the daily coincided with an announcement Thursday by three senators that they planned to present a resolution as early as government to establish full

lawmaker said that Senator John McCain of Arizona, John Kerry of Massachusetts and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska would introduce the nonbinding measure, probably next week, urging normalisation without conditions.

Mr. Clinton has taken several steps to improve relations with Hanoi including the opening of a low-level U.S. diplomatic mission in Hanoi last January and lifting trade embargo last year.

But he has held off on establishing full diplomatic ties until Hanoi followed through on its commitment to account for some 2,000 Americans missing since the Vietnam War. 'Our experience shows

that when you cooperate with Vietnam you get more concrete results than if you just hold them at arm's length, the senior administration official quoted in The New York Times said.

The officials also told the daily that the White House was preparing arguments to justify the restoration of full relations with Hanoi as a necessary step in the fouryear process begun under former U.S. President George Bush to provide full accounting of Americans missing in

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns connext week urging the U.S. Afirmed Thursday that the de-government to establish full cision whether to normalise diplomatic relations with ties with Hanoi "will shortly

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any details or specify a timetable for any announcements on relations with Vietnam.

But a senior State Department official refused to rule out a visit to Vietnam by Secretary of State Warren Christopher after a summit of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) at the end of July.

Advocates of diplomatic relations with Vietnam argue

that Mr. Clinton should move towards normalisation now to avoid in-fighting ahead of the 1996 presidential election.

A resolution approved by the Senate would give Mr. Clinton political cover since his staunchest adversaries such as Senate majority leader Bob dole and Senator Phil Gramm are members of the Republican-controlled cham-

Sen. McCain, a Republican, and Democrats Kerry and Kerrey intend to attach the measure to a separate bill authorising funds for the State Department, although it might be attached to other legislation.

Meanwhile, the Clinton administration said Thursday it was considering new steps to case a U.S. ban on contacts with Cuba including allowing American news organisations to open bureaus there.

But State Department officials cautioned that no final decision has been made and none is expected soon, re-

political firestorm ahead of President Bill Clinton's 1996

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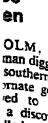
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A family flees from the troubled Korangi area of Karachi to avoid the continuous firing between security forces and militants. Hundreds of families are relocating to safer parts

of Karachi taking only their necessary belongings, in a bid to escape the intense violence in this troubled city (AFP

Strike paralyses Karachi; anti-militant drive continues

KARACHI (AFP) — Security forces pursued their sweep of Karachi for armed militants Friday while a strike called by a major political party blamed for much of the city's violence paralysed life in Pakistan's commercial

Police carried out new searches in the industrial district of Korangi to flush out militants and there were fewer running gun-battles that have left 21 dead in the district over the last three days.

"There has been an improvement in the situation," a senior police official said, adding that "we dominate certain areas, but some still need to be sanitised."

There was sporadic shooting in the troubled central district, but no widescale disturbances were reported, police said.

The series of weekend strikes were called by the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) to protest against the alleged gang-rape of the sister of a party activist and the slaying of one of its leaders three weeks ago.

It refused to call off the strike despite talks tentatively scheduled for Sunday between the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and MQM negotiators.

There were very few people on Karachi streets and public and private transport was thin. Shops and markets remained closed. Friday is the weekly holiday in Muslim Pakistan and people generally remain at home during the day, gathering for prayer at mosques in the afternoon. The government holds the

MQM responsible for much of the violence that left more than 350 dead last month, including 90 killed during a three-day "mourning" observed by the party over the alleged rape and the mur-

in place around much of Korangi district, where two more bodies were found early Police and paramilitary troopers earlier in the week launched a similar four-day

operation in western Orangi

A security cordon remains

Police said two torture cells had been found in Korangi. The cells contained handcuffs, ropes, scissors, an electric drill, blindfolds, an axe

and blood-soaked clothes. police added.

Torture has reportedly been used frequently in Karachi. Bodies have been found with holes drilled in chest or face, burned with cigarettes and sometimes dismembered.

Officials said the Korangi operation would continue until the area was purged of militants. "The militants probably still have an ammunition dump in the area. That is why the are resisting," a security official

"They are using armourpiercing bullets which are causing some damage to the armoured personnel carriers but the weapons are predominantly automatic rifles," a security official said.

Chechens break off peace talks over killings by Russian troops

GROZNY, Russia (AFP) ---Chechen negotiators stormed out of peace talks with Russian officials Friday after overnight incidents in which Russian troops reportedly slaughtered 10 civilians.

The head Chechen negotiator, Usman Imayev, said the talks would be broken off permanently unless the Russians handed over the troops responsible for the killings by 8:00 p.m. (1600 GMT).

He was addressing an angry crowd gathered around the bodies of six civilians, all from the same family, including two children and a baby girl. Witnesses said a seventh member of the family died in hospital.

Neighbours in the Grozny district where the shooting is alleged to have taken place out the number of dead at

eight.
The pre-dawn shooting in an eastern suburb of Grozny was carried out by men who appeared to be Russian soldies, according to neighbours who came to the peace talks to protest.

masks came at 5:30 a.m. in an armoured car, stopped it up the road, went into the house and shot them dead," said one neighbour who asked not to be named.

In another incident, four Russian troops knocked on the door of a Chechen in a Grozny suburb to demand vodka. They shot him when he said he had none, then sprayed gunfire as they left the suburb, killing a second person and wounding three, according to Sayid Sayidov, a Chechen civilian official.

Some 5,000 people marched from the scene of the killing of the family towards the bombed-out remains of the Chechen presidency building. Their path was blocked by Russian troops and armoured vehicles. As Mr. Imayev and milit-

ary commander Aslan Maskhadov addressed the crowd, shots were heard but it could not be determined if they came from the demonstra-

A Russian military source

told the Interfax News Agencv that the incident was a 'classic provocation destined to derail the negotiation pro-

"Getting Russian uniforms and weapons is not difficult (in Chechenya), he added, calling the killings "part of a series of provocations by extemists led by (Chechen President Dzhokhar) Dudayev since the conflict began.

"There are people who are interested in a bloodbath,"

The latest peace talks began after Chechen guerrillas, on the verge of defeat, struck' in Russian territory last month, taking 1,500 hostages in the southern city of Budennovsk.

Russian troops rolled into Chechenya in December to crush the tiny Caucasus republic's three-year-old independence bid. The war has left between 15,000 and 30,000 people dead, many of them civilians.

Meanwhile, President Boris Yeltsin Friday apepared to backtrack from an

order calling for a permanent military presence in Chechenya, saying such a deployment would now depend on the outcome of peace talks

under way in Grozny. The new position was contained in a presidential decree issued by the Kremlin

press service. The decree called on the Defence Ministry to "determine the conditions for deploying troops (...) according to the results in settling the crisis in the Chechen Republic and the orders of the

Russian president.' A first decree issued by Mr. Yeltsin Tuesday announced simply that Russian forces would be permanently stationed in Chechenva.

Chechen negotiators strongly protested against Mr. Yeltsin's first decree, saying it contradicted all the gains made in peace talks which opened in the devastated Chechen capital Grozny after a ceasefire accord

Youth violence continues north of London

LUTON, England (AFP) — Seven police were injured and 16 people arrested early Friday as rampaging teenagers smashed, torched and looted their way through town in a second night of violence sparked by the recapture of a young escapee.

police said. The trouble was sparked by the arrest Wednesday of a 13-year-old detention centre runaway. In the second night of trouble late Thursday, hundreds of youths, estimated at up to 500 and as

young as 12, hurled bricks and bottles at police and torched a library, three schools, vehicles and garbage bins.
Officers said Thursday

night's six-hour siege began just before midnight with a handful of youths that quickly snowballed to a mob.

As they approached the initial gathering of unruly youths in an attempt to talk to them, officers said, other youths in a stolen car screeched to a halt in the middle of the street and firebombed the car, sparking the

Police said the violence was confined to the vast working class section called Marsh Farm Estate in this city 35 kilometres north of

Security and fire-fighting reinforcements were called in from surrounding cities, police said.

London.

Looting mobs turned on TV crews filming the violence, stripping a GMTV truck of £15,000 (\$23,000)

worth of equipment before

setting it ablaze. The three-

man TV crew was unhurt. A two-man ITN TV crew on foot was also set upon, their camera stolen.

"I can't say why it started again," said Chief Inspector Des Lawless. "It was just more vandalism.'

Residents watching from nearby high-rise apartment buildings said riot police -called in from Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Bucking-hamshire — came under fire from a hail of missiles as they made repeated baton

Kim Jong-Il mourns father amid hints of imminent formal succession

SEOUL (AFP) — North Korea's reclusive leader, Kim Jong-II, made a rare appearance at a mass memorial service in Pyongyang Friday at which officials hinted he could soon formally take over the leadership of the isolated Communist state, monitors

The appearance of the bespectacled junior Kim, 53. came at a mass memorial service attended by 10,000 people on the eve of the fir anniversary of the death of his father, Kim II-Sung.

"Comrade Kim Jong-Il... is present at the service with state and party officials," the Communist state's mouthpiece Korea Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored

in Tokyo said. The monitors said the junior Kim's appearance at the massive ceremony which started at 7:00 p.m. (1000 GMT) was his first since June 16 when he visited an army unit, and his first in the North Korean capital since April. Calling Kim Jong-II the

"the destiny and future of our country," KCNA quoted the chairman of the North's Supreme People's Assembly, Yang Hyong-Sop as urging party members, military and workers to pledge "infinite loyalty" to him.

"Comrade Kim Jong-II... is immediately Comrade Kim Il-Sung. He has fully inhernoble virtues of Comrade Kim II-Sung," KCNA quoted Mr. Yang as saying, adding that the address had been

authorised by Kim Jong-Il. The speech coincided with reports by a state-funded South Korean thinktank here that North Koreans were practising a song celebrating Kim Jong-Il's being named head of state and party gener-

ai secretary. The junior Kim's failure to take the two top posts in the

country since the death on July 8 last year of Kim IIsung, despite being groomed as the elder Kim's successor, had spawned rumours of ill

contained a phrase saying:
"Marshala Kim Jong-Il has been upheld as Workers Party General Secretary. Re-

The song has yet to be broadcast or used in any official event, but is being widely rehearsed by North Koreans. It also contains a phrase celebrating Kim Jong-Il's appointment as state president, the institute said.

health and power struggles. In a 30-page report on North Korea's current situation, the Institute for National Unification said the song

In a parallel development, North Koreans are also changing descriptions of the late president from Great Leader Kim Il-Sung to "Beloved Father Kim Il-sung," the report said.

Fresh row erupts over S. Africa massacre

JOHANNESBURG (R) -A fresh row has erupted in South Africa over out-ofcountry comments by President Nelson Mandela on killings during a march by Zulus last year in Johannesburg, the country's commerical

"New row over massacre," the mass-circulation Johannesburg Star said in a frontpage headline Friday.

Police say at least 55 people were killed in an around Johannesburg on March 28, 1994, during a march by Zulu backers of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) a month before the country's first allrace polls.

Eight Zulus were gunned down outside the Shell House headquarters of Mr. Mandela's African National Congress (ANC), which is the arch-rival of the IFP.

The president has said he. authorised ANC guards to kill if necessary to defend the

Mr. Mandela sparked the latest upsurge in a continuing controversy with remarks to the South African Press Association (SAPA) during his current, visits to Japan and

South Korea. Mr. Mandela was quoted Friday as having said on his plane between Tokyo and Seoul that the failure of police to take adequate precautions to protect Shell House "lends credibility to the perception that there was a plot between the IFP and

the police." South African media interpreted this as an accusation that police and the IFP jointly plotted to attack shell House. The killings there are still under police investiga-

Reports of his comment prompted an outraged statement from the IFP challenging Mr. Mandela to substantiate in court what it said were his claims of a plot.

Retired Police Chief Johan Van Der Merwe, who headed the nation's police at the time, denied suggestions of a plot and called for an judicial inquest into the massacre.

"I think it's very important to settle this matter once and for all," he said. Deputy President F.W. De Klerk, who was president at the time of the massacre,

regretted Mr. Mandela should have commented on the affair while overseas. Political analysts, however, saw nothing new in Mr. Mandela's remarks and noted he

had referred to a "perception" of a plot. "Given the history of the relationship between the IFP and the old security forces, and especially since this was before the election... one can see that certainly in ANC ranks there is a great deal of suspicion as to the sort of collusion that was going on, Richard Cornwell of the

tute told Reuters. A number of reports have surfaced of destabilising activities by so-called third force elements within the security forces against the ANC in its drive to power.

Pretoria-based Africa Insti-

Mr. Cornwell said he doubted whether all material on such activities would ever cooperation."

see the light of day, but the Shell House incident and its handling — by all sides, in-cluding the ANC — "raises a number of very uncomfortable questions.

Meanwhile in Seoul, Mr. Mandela and his South Korean counterpart Kim Young-Sam agreed Friday to expand trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

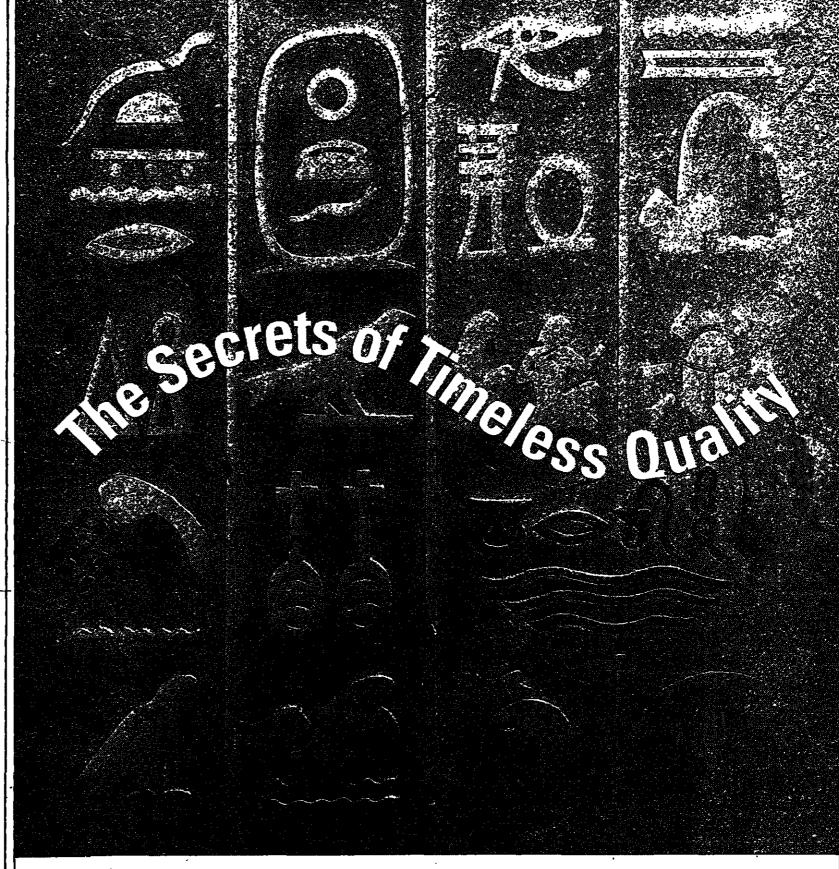
"We agreed that our two countries should endeavour to further build our bilateral relations into an exemplary model of cooperation between developing countries," Mr. Kim said at a joint press

Mr. Mandela said South Africa "would like to increase its trade with South Korea," which he called "a highly valued trading partner" for his country.

But he also hinted all was not smooth sailing, by urging South Korea to lower barriers on imports of fresh fruit

"These prohibitions should be removed," he said, but added that "trade is booming," with South Korea, now South Africa's 11th largest export market and fifth largest supplier.

Mr. Kim said the two intended to further cooperation in culture, sport and tourism. The joint press conference followed hour-long summit talks, which Mr. Kim said provided an exceedingly significant occasion for the two countries to "lay a solid basis for even more substantive



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Open defiance

THERE IS bad news and good news coming from the mass hunger strike by Palestinian prisoners in six Israeli jails who began fasting on June 18.

The bad news is that the hunger strikers in three of these jails have decided to "suspend" their action on the advice of Palestinian National Authority President Yasser Arafat. This suspension, in the opinion of one striker, was bad news because it split the prisoners front. The pause is supposed to give a chance to a joint Palestinian-Israeli ministerial committee on prisoners to work out which prisoners should be released and

But the Palestinians have had enough of "joint committees" which, almost invariably, end by making still more concessions to Israel. So, the good news is that 1,000 of the prisoners in three of the prisons are going on with their fast, this includes the women in the Tel Mond jail. Also continuing are the 28 sympathy strikers in the International Red Cross compound in East Jerusalem. Other solidarity fasts have been taking place in Ramallah, Bethlehem and Jericho, despite Mr. Arafat's attempts to get them to stop.

The strikers say that Mr. Arafat has no credentials to deal with the prisoner issue because he sent his right-hand man, Dr. Nabil Shaath, his minister of planning in the Palestinian National Authority, to tell the civilian strikers in Jerusalem to accept an Israeli offer to release some prisoners provided they signed a pledge not to oppose the peace process. Dr. Shaath was angrily shouted down.

Furthermore, according to the PNA's minister of justice, Freih Abu Meddain, "Israel makes agreements only to break them." Having pledged in the Oslo accord to release prisoners it has jailed 3,000 more Palestinians since that accord was signed.

Another piece of good news, from the Palestinian point of view, is that the refuseniks are being led by Faisal Husseini, designated by Mr. Arafat as the PNA représentative in Jerusalem. Mr. Husseini himself has been on hunger strike for ten days now; and says he will go on until all prisoners stop fasting which, in turn, depends on a general prisoner release. Mr. Husseini, the scion of an old and very influential Jerusalem family, is thus in open defiance of Mr. Arafat and at the highest level.

A doctor attending the Jerusalem group has said that after 17 days of a diet of water and salt the health of a 66-year-old mother of two prisoners is causing concern.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

FAKHRI KAWAR, a writer in Al Dustour, lauded Jordan Television for carrying a programme that focused on the plight of the inhabitants of Ruseifa where pollution has reached a dangerous proportion. The television programme focused on the environment in the town which lies between Amman and Zarqa and whose lands serve as a garbage dump for the inhabitants of the capital and its industrial waste and replayed earlier statements by government officials and Amman mayor about measures taken to deal with this problem and remove the danger that threatens the lives of the local population, said the writer. None of the promises given by officials to the 2,00,000 inhabitans in Ruseifa have been honoured and the families continue to inhale the stench and the bad smell and watch their children grow in a very polluted atmosphere, he added. Since 1990, the local population has been demanding solutions to their chronic problems despite the pledges given by Parliament members and cabinet ministers to deal with this issue, continued the writer. Saying that the latest promises came from Amman Mayor Mamdouh Abbadi, who said that the garbage dump will be moved away from the town and that the waste will be processed to produce fertilizers to help grow trees and green Jordan, the writer said that people believe that the mayor will end this tragedy and save the lives of the local inhabitants because the mayor had grown up in the Zarqa and Ruseifa area and understands the problem better than any other. He expressed hope that the mayor, together with all concerned officials, will take serious steps to end this problem.

A WRITER in Al Ra'i daily strongly criticised a report by the World Bank, which stated that the Middle East region has no future because it is beset with chronic issues like poverty, unemployment and backwardness which are impossible to eradicate. Fahd Al Fanek said that though the report could have implied a warning to the decisionmakers in the Middle Eastern countries to be concerned should they fail to take drastic action to improve the situation, the report as it stands deals a devastating blow to plans for attracting investors.

Jordanian Perspective

Harness around Iraq's neck must be removed

JORDAN'S CALL for a high-level international dialogue with the Iraqi leadership with a view to resolving the four-year-old stand-off in the Gulf reflects the reality of the situation in the region after the failure of U.S.-led efforts to topple the government of President Saddam Hussein. If Washington and its strongest ally in this respect, the United Kingdom, do not appreciate the fact that their approach to the Gulf crisis is flawed, then it is a matter not wanting to appreciate for reasons known not only to them but also to the rest of the world.

But what is of high concern to us in Jordan is the determined American-British systematic destruction of the Iraqi society over the past four years. Regardless of whether Washington and London would like to admit it, the stark reality that we see today in Iraq is simply the suffering of a people and reports of absolute misery that is gnawing away at the very fabric of a society.

Children and the elderly are dying of hunger and easily preventable diseases. Men find little chances of making a living. Iraqi women have been pushed to the most degradable level of motherhood -- of having to tell their children they could not offer them food when they are crying out in hunger.

What purpose does this serve?

It would seem that some people are born into this world for the simple purpose of making other

And the world does not seem to care. But that appearance is deceiving. There is a growing movement, as His Majesty King Hussein reiterated in the last two weeks, that enough is enough, and the world has to come up with a formula that ends the suffering of the Iraqi people.

First and foremost, the covert and not-so-covert policies and actions adopted by the Washington-London alliance against Iraq have miserably failed to undermine the survival of the government of President Saddam in Baghdad. The U.S. and the U.K. might want to pat themselves in the back that reports of unrest in Iraq are signs of a growing momentum in the country against the regime, but the truth is that they themselves know very well that odds are very strong against such a course of events.

The truth, however, is that the people actually suffering from the stubborn refusal by the U.S. and the U.K. to entertain any thought of settling the conflict without dictating impossible political condition are the 18 or 19 million Iraqis.

For us in Jordan, it is totally frustrating to be unable to do anything to help our brethren across the border in Iraq. The frustration is compounded when we realise that the suffering of the Iraqi people is nothing but a direct result of the desire of some world powers to protect their own political and economic interests in the region.

The United States and its allies are totally mistaken and are kidding only themselves if they believe, as their leaders and official assert, that Arabs all over support their approach to Iraq. Arab applause, as seen from Washington, of the U.S. policies in the Gulf region comes only from a very small minority. The reality is that there is a profound sense of grief among the Arab masses over what is happening to the people of Iraq and that sense is continuing to grow every day. Washington may or may not want President Saddam in power in Baghdad, but it does not mean that we Arabs have to go along silently with it and watch helplessly as our blood and kin in Iraq suffer for no fault of their own.

The only question that faces the Arab masses is what they can do about the situation. Given the unchallenged supremacy of the U.S. as the leading world power and given the peculiar features of Arab politics, it seems highly unlikely that Washington and London would ever climb down from their high towers to appreciate that what matters more than politics, oil economics and arms sales is the human element.

We are not ready to accept the American and British argument that if Baghdad was concerned over the welfare of its people then it would accept the limited oil sale that the West has so magnanimously offered. We believe that the

very essence of the proposal is to set a precedent that would enable the U.S. to exert indirect control of Iraq's oil wealth and oil sales through the United Nations. It will be a violation of the sovereignty of Iraq and shackling the freedom of Iraq as an independent sovereign state to use its resources the manner it finds best.

So where do we go from here?

France, China and Russia -- three other major powers which, like the U.S. and Britain, have their role, albeit to varying degrees, in the international scene -- have supported the sensible view that four years of concerted economic pressure after more than 40 days of consistent bombing are more than enough of punishment to

The way out is simple and clear: The United Nations Security Council has set its conditions for lifting the shackles on Iraq, and Iraq has met with most, if not all the conditions, and is in the process of meeting the rest, as U.N. inspector Rolf Ekeus said last week. No other conditions should be attached to the lifting of the sanctions and article 22 of Resolution 687 should be applied in its strict sense without allowing the U.S. to add on its whimsical demands.

So when the issue of sanctions against Iraq comes up this week at the U.N. Security Council, the world should have the courage to tell Washington and London that it is no longer willing to stand by and allow them to misuse the world body's powers to suit their self-serving

The simple message of the world should be: The choking harness around Iraq's neck should be removed without any delay. And those who stand against that removal should not be allowed to prevail.

The challenge that faces the international community today is to make sure that this message is heard loud and clear and acted upon. If the world fails to pick the challenge, it would be failing itself in fulfilling the obligations attached to human life when God created us.

THE WEEK IN PRINT

Egyptian-Sudanese dispute must not be allowed to escalate into war

By Elia Nasrallah

THE ARABIC dailies in the past week gave prominence to the Egyptian-Sudanese dispute, the domestic affairs. Tareq Masarweh, a wri-

ter in Al Ra i, accused foreign powers of fuelling the dispute between Cairo and Khartoum and said that political reasons lie behind the whole issue. The writer said that Israel was quick to declare that Iran was behind the assassination attempt on the Egyptian president, while Cairo accused Sudan of the attempt and these accusations are based on political reasons stemming from hostile stands and not based on facts resulting from the investigations. The foreign powers behind the whole issue are keen on embroiling Arabs in their side-differences so that Israel can rest in peace and at the same time are keen on forcing the Arabs to make peace with Israel, claiming that such peace brings with it prosperity for the Arabs. Foreign powers have been behind the strained relations between Sudan and Egypt and it was due to the strained relations that Cairo was quick to announce that Khartoum was behind the abortive attempt in Addis Ababa, said the writer, who cautioned the two Arab states to refrain from any hostile acts that benefit neither country. However, bitter was the

abortive attempt on the life of President Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptians should not threaten war against their southern neighbours. said Saleh Al Qallab, a writer in Al Dustour. Even if the persons who carried out the abortive attempt were Sudanese nationals, this cannot justify Cairo's accusations of Khartoum of being behind the attack as a regime, said the writer. While condemning the criminal attack on Mr. Mubarak, one cannot justify any armed conflict between Cairo and Khartoum because war can solve no problem but rather deepen splits between regimes and people, he added. The Sudanese and Egyptian regimes should take a lesson from the past and avert the shedding of Arab blood at any cost, he said.

raknn Salen, another A Dustour columnist, said Arab masses hope that the war of words between Sudan and Egypt will not develop into a military conflict that would be disastrous to the two countries. The writer suggested that the dispute could be defused through reasons and quiet dialogue or if need be through an international arbitration and said that the two sides ought to take time to consider the consequences should they opt for conflict over this incident.

Hamadeh Faraaneh. another Al Dustour columnist, blamed Egypt for the deterioration of relations with Sudan, saying that Cairo has no evidence whatsoever that Sudan was behind the attempt on the life of the Egyptian president in Addis Ababa, Saying that Egypt and Sudan had been often clashed on the border, costing both of them many innocent lives, the writer cautioned against any rash decisions on the part of the two regimes. He said Cairo should remember that it is fighting a war against the opposition groups inside Egypt and should not place the blame on others or go to war, which would ruin development projects in the two countries and place additional burdens on the national economies of the

two countries.

Mohammad Subeihi, a writer in Al Dustour, suggested that Jordan offer its mediation to end the Cairo-Khartoum dispute. Jordan seems to be the only Arab state which is eligible to play this role at the moment since the Kingdom maintains good relations with the two countries, and it is in Jordan's interest to see that Cairo and Khartoum settle their differences amicably and abort hostile parties' plots against the two countries, said the writer. Saying that some Arab and foreign states

have interests in seeing Sudan's regime changed and its national economy in ruins through a war with Egypt, the writer said that Jordan for its part has a real interest in safeguardg the interes countries. Mahmoud Rimawi, a

writer in Al Ra'i daily, said the Arab masses are appailed at the deteriorating relations between Cairo and Khartoum and the war of words that might lead to an armed conflict between them. Recalling that the crisis stemmed from the abortive attempt on the life of the Egyptian president, the writer said that Cairo and Khartoum have been trading accusations before the incidents, with Cairo accusing Khartoum of being behind the training and arming of Islamists in Egypt. What is needed now is a mediation at the Arab level to defuse tension and prevent the two Arab states from sliding towards conflict, said the writer.

Despite the publication of the results of the investigations into the attack on the Egyptian president. which proved that Egyptian nationals were involved in the attack, the Egyptian president still insists that Khartoum was the perpetrator, said George Haddad, a writer in Al Dustour. No one can condone any assassination attempt or acts of criminals but every one expects from the regime in Cairo and Sudan to deal with this issue reasonably and expects Cairo to accept the results of the investigations by the Ethiopian authorities, said the writer. Escalating the war of words between the two neighbouring states can only lead to adverse consequences which no Arab wishes to see happen-

ing, added the writer. Sultan Al Hattab, a writer in Al Ra'i, said that war between Sudan and Egypt can only aggravate the already poor economies of the two countries and increase the number of the hungry and the unemployed. Should the two countries insist on armed confrontation over border disputes or for any other

reasons, they have only themselves to blame for the dangerous situation that would ensure, said the writer. The writer said that the dispute can be settled through Arab mediation ang infough reason and self-restraint which must be exercised by the Sudanese

and the Egyptian leaderships. Yousef Al Azm, a writer in Al Dustour, said that foreign powers are behind the dispute between Khartourn and Cairo simply because they want Egypt to be involved in war with Sudan to help bring down the Islamist regime in Khartoum. The writer said

that the fact that an Islamist regime in Sudan is in existence, it will shortly have far-reaching influence on the other nations in Asia and Africa, something that the world Zionists fear and the United States hates to sec. The writer said that the United States and Israel are doing all that their power to undermine the stability in Sudan. Tackling the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations,

Mahmoud Rimawi, a writer in Al Ra'i, said that the Israeli government is adamant in its position with regard to the return of displaced Palestinians. The İsraeli government says that the return of Palestinians displaced from the 1967 war would disturb the demographic balance in the Palestinian lands and would bring further security headaches to the Israelis, said the writer, He said that over the past 28 years of occupation, the Israelis have been respsonsible for the imbalances in the West Bank and Gaza and the tension and wars with the Arab states neighbouring Israel. According to the Palestinian-Istacli agrecments, the displaced persons should be able to return to their homeland but the Israelis still refuse to abide by the accord, he added. He said that Israel's adamant position was behind the failure of the meetings in Cairo and Bir Al Sabe and Amman by a committee discussing the future of the displaced

The points of disagreement between the Palestinians and the Israelis far outnumber the elements of agreements largely due to Israel's backing away from the Oslo agreement, which calls for the release of prisoners and the arrangement for Palestinian elections, said Mohammad Kawash in Al Dustour. The writer said Israel is dragging its feet with regard to the question of redeploying its forces as provided for in the Oslo accord and so no solution for the deadlock is in sight. The redeployment plan as suggested by the Israelis, added the writer, means keeping a de facto occupation of Palestinian lands. Israel suffers from a

security complex and this is negatively affecting its peace negotiations with the Arabs, said Tareq Masar-weh. In Palestine, he said, the Israelis insist on keeping Jerusalem and giving the Palestinians limited self-rule over limited parts of the West Bank while in Syria, Israel insists on occupying parts of the Golan and keeping troops there to ensure security for the Jewish state. Stressing that the Israelis are proving day after day that they have not changed their stand towards occupation of Arab lands. The writer said that all that which happened between the Arabs and the Israelis since the Gulf war came as a result of United States pressures on the Taher Al Adwan, a wri-

ter in Al Dustour daily, said the daily scenes of violence and clashes between the Palestinians and the Israelis clearly reflect the fact that peace is out of reach but it also demonstrates the fact that the Palestinians refuse to allow Israel to impose its will on them. Acting with this mentality and using force to achieve its ends, Israel is bound to face more resistance and can never dream of peace that contradicts all norms and international and humanitarian rules. said the writer.

Israel's refusal or delays in implementing the second

phase of the Oslo deal with the Palestinians under different forms of pretexts are clearly aimed at undermining the peace process with the Palestinians, according to Ibrahim Al Absi in Al Ra'i daily. The writer said that the Israelis continue to hold on to their settlements that were illegally set up on Arab lands and find a pretext of ensuring security for these settlements in order to justify their refusal to pull out their forces from the Arab territories, said the writer. But everyone realises the fact that the Oslo deal was meant to end the presence of Israelis on Arab territory in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and everyone also realises that no just and durable peace is viable under the present situation,

added the writer.. Writing in Al Ra'i, Zuleikah Al Rishe called for all public and private organisations in Jordan to give due support to women unions' drive to present their views at the Beijing conference this year. Contary to what some think, participation in the Beijing conference on women will bring about many benefits to women in the Arab World, said the writer. Referring to the preparations by women who hold series of meetings to pave the ground for the Beijing meeting, the writer said that these meetings are bound to help crystallise women's demands and help them better present their case to the world confer-

With reference to the parliamentary debate over the repealing of laws on boycotting Israel, a writer in Al Dustour said that selling of any part of Jordanian territory to a foreigner will be a violation of the Constitution. According to Abdul Latif Subeihi, the Constitution states clearly that: The Kingdom is an independent sovereign state whose territory cannot be compromised nor can any part of it be ceded to others. He said that this provision makes it imperative on the government to prevent the selling of real estate to foreigners.

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Letter from occupied Jerusalem

'There will never be peace' before solving the dispute over the holy city

By Chip Poston

FROM MY home in Shufat, a Palestinian neigh-bourhood in East Jerusalem, I watch as 2,100 new housing units are rapidly constructed on an adjacent hill. The new Israeli settlement, named Rehes Shufat, will house ultra-Orthodox Jews in a former "green area," which until last year was one of the largest pine forests in the city. To the north, east and south are other extensive Israeli residential areas — Neve Ya'acov, Pisgat Ze'ev, French Hill and Ramat Eshkol, with a combined population of over 50,000. Like most of the Arab enclaves remaining in East Jerusalem, Shufat is surrounded by Israeli settlements, all built since the 1967 war and all considered illegal according to international law, which prohibits the introduction of civilian populations into areas under belligerent military

Israeli politicians -- including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin — frequently restate their well worn claim that Jerusalem is Israel's "undivided, eternal capital," whose status must not be subject to negotiations with the Palestinians. But this ignores the most

fundamental reality of life in Jerusalem: Division. Twenty-eight-years after

Israeli military occupation, Arab Jerusalem still lacks adequate roads, schools, sanitation, public parks, telephones, street lights. Jerusalem's Palestinian residents, who today comprise 27 per cent of its population, pay their prop-ortionate share of city taxes, yet they receive only 5 per cent of municipal services. Since the start of the intifada few Israelis venture into Arab Jerusalem, and many fear coming to the city altogether. "Whoever says that Jerusalem is united is wrong," declares Faisal Husseini, Palestine National Authority (PNA) minister without-portfolio who "unofficially" represents Jerusalem issues. "Whoever takes a walk in Jerusalem will find two cities: One suffers from the

If the situation of Jerusalem's Palestinian residents has changed in the era of the Declaration of Principles, it is only because life has worsened. The military closure which separates Israel from the West Bank and Gaza, imposed in March 1993, has reduced commerce in East Jerusalem by half. Since Palesti-

occupation, the other runs

nians cannot enter the city without permits from the Israeli army — a system not unlike the former South African apartheid laws — Arab Jerusalem's, schools, hospitals, libraries and bus lines are struggling for sur-

While the municipality has shifted control for municipal planning into the hands of right-wing and ultra-Orthodox Israeli politicians, Palestinians continue be be systematically denied zoning approval and housing permits.

Arab homes built without permits are subject to demolition and Palestinian land continues to be confiscated so the city can build new housing for the tens of thousands of Israelis who have settled in East Jerusalem since the 1967 war.

Palestinian residents of Jerusalem who were not recorded in the Israeli census of 1967 — including the spouses and children of permanent residents must apply for residency status from the Israeli interior ministry in order to legally reside here. If Palestinians from Jerusalem spend too much time abroad, or even marry a non-Jerusalem resident, they are liable to lose their residency status. By way of contrast, a Jew from almost

anywhere in the world can move to Jerusalem under the Law of Return and automatically become a citizen of Israel. Since 1967 the demographic shift has been so dramatic that East Jerusalem, which had virtually no Jewish residents at the time of the Six Day war, now has a majority popula-tion of Israelis — approximately 160,000.

Article Five of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) states that permanent status negotiations on Jerusalem should begin "as soon as possible, but not later than the beginning of the third year of the interim period." However, the timetables agreed to in the DoP have thus far been ignored by Israel. There is no question that the longer Prime Minister Rabin can delay discussions over the fate of Jerusalem, the stronger Israel's position will be when final status negotiations begin. Meanwhile, Israel continues to construct settlements at a feverish pace in and around Jerusalem, as it implements a policy "of legalised transfer" designed to drive the remaining Palestinian

the few "official" Palestimian institutions in the city, which are now subject to removal to Gaza or Jericho. Could the Palestinians really have had this in mind when they signed the Oslo

Although Israel is cur-rently in an overwhelming position of control in Jerusalem, a stubborn problem remains: Until there is a solution to the sovereignty of Jerusalem which is acceptable to both Palestinians and Israelis, there will never be peace. It is widely believed that the problems of Jerusalem are insoluble, yet several creative, practical plans for shared sovereignty of the city exist, including proposals by John Whitbeck, an international lawyer from Paris, and Gershon Baskin of the Israel-Palestine Centre for Research and Information.

The underlying principle behind these plans is both simple and just — to let Palestinians have control over Palestinian areas of the city, and Israelis over Israeli areas. The sticking point will be in finding a just solution to the problem of Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem.

Middle East International

Afghan rivals square off in strategic Salang Pass

By Peter Greste Reuter

SALANG PASS, Afghanistan — On one side of a steep, narrow valley, Said Mohammadin squints along his rifle barrel at a lump of rock jutting over Afghanis-tan's famed Salang highway

about 200 metres away. Behind that rock, Abdullah Noori checks his light machinegun as his comrades stuff spare magazines with Chinese-made rounds.

Mohammadin and Noori are fighters on opposite sides of the frontline in the Salang Pass, preparing for and opposition forces step up a long struggle for control of the strategic mountain route.

The Salang Pass links Kabul with Afghanistan's northern provinces and the Central Asian states

The only sealed road across the mountains, it runs through high ground offering significant military advantage to anyone controlling it.

of the opposition supreme coordination council fighting to overthrow the Kabul government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani: Jumbish-I-Milli, led by General Abdul Rashid

Dostum, holds mountain posts in the northern half of the Salang Pass. plans to push south to seize

the highest point about five kilometres away. 'From there, Bagram air base, the Panjshir Valley and Jabal Us Seraj will all

Mohammadin is a member of Jumbish-I-Milli, part

Gen. Dostum says he

be within range of our artillery, and Kabul will be defeated," he said, confident-

ly tapping a map at his

northern headquarters in Mazar-I-Sharif.

Rabbani's military strongman, Ahmed Shah Masood, uses Bagram to launch air strikes on Dostum's men. Masood's headquarters are at Jabal Us Seraj. His home is in the Panishir valley, where many of his commanders and fighters come from.

While Gen. Dostum and

his men set their sights on the mountain tops, Abdullah Noori and his comrades are equally determined to fight their way to vantage points above the opposition-held towns of Doushi and Pul-I-Khumri

Noori's commanders, Said Rasoul, said control of the pass would open up a vital supply route. "If we can get arms and

ammunition along the

Salang highway, we can

attack at the heart of Dos-

tum's control," he said. Despite recent attempts

population out of the city.

Late last year the Knesset

passed legislation outlawing

to agree to ceasefire, both sides appear to be preparing to take the offensive.

Western aid workers in

Jabal Us Saraj, which guards the southern entrance to the Salang, say large numbers of government troop trucks and ammunition are moving

into the pass.

Defence Ministry sources. in Kabul say government forces are getting ready to try to push northwards.

Fresh bomb craters dotting the frontlines show how both sides have been using warplanes to soften is almost certain to become a war of attrition.

The Salarig Pass is a steep and icy region, where deep gullies and razor-sharp ridges cleave the mountain and every boulder gives as much protection as a well-

Mujahedeen guerrillas fired rockets from the peaks to harass Soviet convoys along the pass during their 10-year war to drive the Soviet army out of Afghanistan. The rusting, twisted remains of Russian tanks and heavy weapons still litter the road.

Government and opposition forces facing off along the Salang Pass today are keeping their strategies secret. But each knows the other's objectives and neither is prepared to give

Abdullah Noori slips away from his position bedistribute fresh ammunition. Said Mohammadin gets on the radio to order up extra supplies of mortar

"They are for the government's breakfast," he says

Many S. Yemenis are eager for return of sultans

ADEN (AFP) - Southern Yemenis, shaken by last year's civil war and anxious about the future, are placing their hopes on the return of tribal sheikhs and sultans who have been in exile for 28

Many southerners are eager for an enlightened form of the tribal rule which the Marxists tried to quash while they were in power from 1967

Those Marxists in the Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) were discredited when the party's forces lost last year's civil war, which erupted over its attempt to secede from the 1990 union of North and South Yemen.

Since he became president of Yemen upon unification, Ali Abdullah Saleh, a northerner, has been building bridges with the descendants of the southern tribal aristocracy, which had ruled Aden under a British protectorate.

"By helping them return and recover their property, he made them his own men.' Sheikh Tareq Abdullah, a lawyer, said. Mr. Saleh has ruled northern Yemen by cooperating with the tribes of

Most of the sheikhs and sultans went into exile in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Britain when South Yemen gained independence from London in 1967 and the Marxists took

Mr. Saleh encouraged them to return to build institutions that were parallel to a southern administration run mainly by the YSP, according to Renaud Detalle, a researcher with the French Centre of Yemeni Studies. The YSP was finally ousted October last year, months after the civil war ended on

July 7. Deprived of their own political leaders, southern Yemenis are looking increasingly forward to the return of a more enlightened group of sultans.

"I think they learned the lessons of the past. They cannot go back to the old rules," said Sheikh Abdul Rahman Nomah, the sole deputy of . the Free Constitution Party, which was founded here in

The descendants of the exiled sheikhs and sultans are "highly sophisticated and enlightened people" who have studied in the West, Sheikh Abdullah said.

"They are completely and entirely different people. They are not being forced on

from the northern-based the people. People welcome coalition government in them. What could be bet-

ter?" he added. But the problem is that the prodigal sons are not coming to stay. "They come back for a month, we sacrifice oxes and sheep for them, then they leave," Ahmad Hussein Bilal, a surgeon, said.

One of the few to have settled is Tariq Fadil, a descendant of the sultans of Abyan, northeast of Aden, but he supported the north before and after the civil war and took back his property by

Still, Sheikh Abduliah said, "a majority of those coming back are not demanding all of their property. They just want to be tribal chiefs using their influence within the law."

Aden's police chief, Colonel Mohammad Saleh

Tareq, also put his trust in the tribal leaders. "We believe when the sheikhs provide services to the people, they help the state and represent the state," he said.

Mr. Detalle warned against the tribal system which is prevalent in the north. "The tribes already want to control all the jobs for security guards and drivers in the oil companies. They will kill each other for a car."

Sheikh Abdullah agreed. "The tribes not only use violence to put things right but also to commit wrongs," he

But the return of the sheikhs would generally help the south, he said. "That would again show the superiority of the south over the north, even in the tribal system."

Egypt does not want tension

(Continued from page 1) ba on June 26 when gunmen opened fire at his car soon after he left the airport to go into town.

Egypt angered Ethiopia last week by implicating some Ethiopian security officials in the attack but Egyptian ministers later said they had confidence in the Ethiopians. Gen. Alfi said: "The

Ethiopian regime is now rebuilding its institutions and definitely the Ethiopian security apparatus still suffers from some shortcomings, especially in protecting a conference like the African summit and the VIPs taking

He said Egyptian and Ethiopian security had

gathered plenty of informa-tion on the incident but he could not reveal any of it for fear of compromising the investigation.

Sudan's spiritual leader Hassan Al Tourabi, the man behind the military government in Khartoum, has praised the gang that failed to assassinate Mr. Mubarak.

"A group of mujahedeen have cropped up from Egypt's soil, chasing Egypt's pharaoh (Mubarak) anywhere he goes," he said in a speech made earlier this week but only published Wednesday by the official news agency SUNA.

It was his first show of support, since the assassina. Nile to cleanse Egypt from tion attempt, for the armed obscenity," he added.

Egyptian militant group Gamaa Al Islamiyah, which claimed the attack and vowed to kill the president.

Last week after Mr. Mubarak implicated Sudan in the attack, Mr. Tourabi, the eminence grise of Sudanese politics, and government ministers contented themselves with simply denying being involved.

Now, however, there is a different tone to their state-

"Egypt is today experiencing a drought in religion and faith. A catastrophe has befallen the Egyptians," Mr. Tourabi said. "Allah has willed that

Islam be revived from Sudan

and Islamic religion will flow

along with the waters of the

Ariane puts spy satellite into orbit

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The Ariane rocket also deployed two smaller satellites, a French Cerise and a Spanish UPM/SAT-1, shortly after releasing Helios-LA.

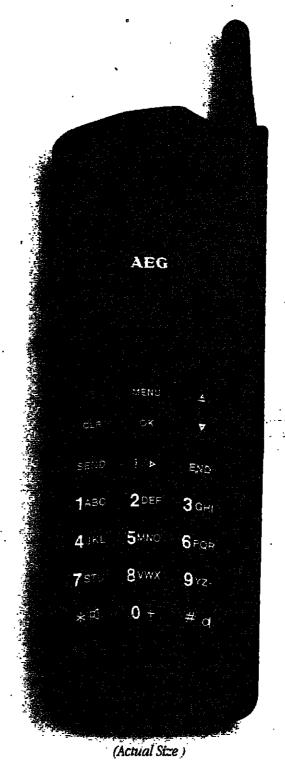
It was the third time that the European rocket has been used to carry military satellites into space. It also launched in 1988 and 1990 the Skynet-4B and 4C communications satellites which were used by the British Defence Ministry to communi-

available through them to the cate with its troops and ships. The French military has

refused to release much information about its classified satellite, other than to say it weighs 2.5 tonnes and is equipped with a large solar

No details were provided on how sharp a resolution its cameràs can provide, but a document from the French aerospace firm Aerospatiale said the satellite carried "the most performing optical instrument ever produced in

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Delayed debate of economic laws depresses stock market

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Dampened prospects for early enactment of key laws on economic reforms and eased taxation depressed the Amman Stock Market this week, and share prices dropped in thin trad-

Brokers at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) said investors appeared to be expecung the downward trend to continue until the legislation was presented to Parlia-

It was not immediately known when the government intended to send the draft laws to the assembly, which started an extraordinary session last month to debate pending legislation deemed as urgent.

The weekly AFM report said trading for the week dipped to five million dinars, a two-thirds decline from last

The official AFM share price index based on 60 of the 120 companies listed in the market shed 2.2 points or 1.5 per cent during the week to close at 156.5 points.

Brokers said the actual decline in prices was close to three per cent since most of the trading was in stocks not included in the official index. The separate sectoral AFM indices showed that indust-

rials lost 2.2 per cent, banks

1.3 per cent, service firms 1.3

per cent and insurance companies 0.4 per cent. The services sector accounted for more than one third of the weekly volume. with 1.8 million dinars. Next came industrials with a volume of 1.7 million dinars.

followed by commercial banks with 1.2 million dinars and insurance stock with 300,000 dinars. The AFM report said 2.2 million shares changed hands

during the week under 3,410 The week saw trading in-

market closed for the week. only 20 of them showed slight gains, 59 lost and 15 re-

mained stable. Brokers said there was a crunch on liquidity in the market after the Central Bank offered short-term certificates of deposits with yields up to nine per cent in a move aimed at checking conversion of dinar holdings to

"We diminished liquidity and low hopes of seeing the new laws being passed soon, it was only natural that prices declined," commented an AFM dealer who, under standing market guidelines, cannot be identified.

In any case, said the dealer, investors had already gambled on expectations attached to the draft laws related to investments and taxation and it was unlikely that the market would reverse its decline before the government actually sends the legislation to Parliament.

Saudi 1995-2000 plan sees 3.8% GDP growth

DUBAI (R) — Saudi Arabia published details of its 1995-2000 development plan on Wednesday, forecasting faster average economic growth of 3.8 per cent a year and a greater role for the private

The kingdom has pinned much of its hope for balanced growth in 1995-2000 on an increased private sector role, the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said of the kingdom's sixth plan, which was approved by the cabinet on

It said the government was hoping the private sector would respond enthusiastically when it lannches its longexpected privatisation prog-

One of the plan's objectives was "rationalising gov-ernment spending and increasing the reliance of the nation's economy on the contribution of the private sec-

tor," SPA reported. It said priorities include diversifying the economy, reducing reliance on oil as a revenue source and stepping up exploration and production of mineral resources.

It would work to boost confidence in its dollar-linked riyal currency to attract foreign and domestic capital.

It also wants to see more Saudi nationals in the workforce. Saudi Arabia's 17 million population includes six million foreigners. Half of all Saudis are under the age of

SPA did not publish the plan's financial volume figures, but it said the plan sees gross domestic product (GDP) growing by an average 3.8 per cent per year at 1995-2000 an average of 3.9 constant prices, up from the 3.2 per cent target in the

previous plan. One economist in Riyadh said estimates for the previous plan showed actual GDP rose on average by 4.2 per cent per year.

"During the first years of the (fifth) plan, we had fairly high growth rates. But during the last years, 1993 and 1994, we had a fairly slow growth

rate," he told Reuters.

There were no official figures for real GDP growth. Private sector and government investment are slated to rise 4.9 per cent and 19 per cent annually, SPA said. No comparative figures were im-mediately available for the previous plan.

SPA said refining and petrochemicals are seen rising in and 8.3 per cent respectively.

"In foreign trade and balance of payments, the plan aims to decrease the current accounts deficit ... and achieve an average growth of

12 per cent in the value of non-oil exports," it said. SPA said gross capital formation would rise 8.5 per cent, "raising the contribution of investment in GDP from 15.5 per cent in the beginning of the plan to 19

Non-oil GDP was expected to grow an average 3.9 per cent, double the rate achieved during the fifth plan, SPA said.

per cent at the end of it."

The productive sector was forecast to grow 4.2 per cent in the new plan and services 4.4 per cent. Agriculture was to grow 3.1 per cent, lower

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of seven. Industry was expected to rise 4.9 per cent, compared with the targeted growth rate

of 7.8 per cent in the fifth five-year plan. Construction, minerals and utilities were also targeted to grow at a more rapid pace of four, nine, and 5.5 per cent

respectively compared to targets in the previous plan. The plan set a target of 24 billion riyals (\$6.4 billion) of soft loans from the kingdom's special credit banks in the

five years to the year 2000. Official figures show a total of 20.8 billion riyals (\$5.5 billion) was disbursed in the four years to 1994 by the four institutions that charge low or no interest on their loans, indicating little change in their overall lending.

Kuwait cabinet approves bad debt plan

KUWAIT (R) - The Kuwaiti government, in a move likely to face tough opposition in parliament, said it approved on Wednesday a bill altering repayment terms for \$20 billion in bad debt to try to solve the eco-

nomy's thorniest problem.

The cabinet said it had sent the bill to the opposition-dominated National Assembly for debate to try to strengthen the economy and collect the longstanding debt owed by 10,000 individuals and companies at the lowest cost to state funds.

The bill has not been published but newspapers have said it softens the existing repayment terms following protests from wealthy debtors that the current terms

are too strict. "The proposed amendments aim to serve the public interest, support and stimulate the economy, and pro-

vide a practical opportunity to allow the state to collect the debt at the lowest cost possible," a cabinet state-ment said.

The debt derives partly from the 1982 crash of an unofficial stock exchange used by all sectors of society and partly from commercial losses aggravated by Iraq's

1990-91 occupation. The debt is owed to the government, which bought

Supplies from outside the

Petroleum Exporting Coun-

tries (OPEC) would rise by

1.3 million barrels per day to

43.2 million barrels per day in

1996 from an increase of 0.9

million barrels per day in

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Demand for oil from

ings of the dubious loans in 1992. An official list of borrowers has never been published but they are believed to include leading merchants

and government officials. To become law the bill must be approved by parliament, and many opposition MPs have said they will oppose any attempt to soften the existing repayment law passed in August 1993.

The cabinet did not say whether its economic committee, which has been studying the bill since it was first proposed by the government a month ago, had made any changes to the draft.

Debtors have said implementation of the existing terms would cause them to make a rapid sale of assets to fund repayments, causing a disastrous plunge in property and stock values.

Others say they would like to opt for the generous for-giveness available under an early settlement option, but do not have funds readily available to make the early

payments. Newspapers say the bill lengthens to five years from two the period in which cash settlement can be made and lengthens to 20 years from 12 the rescheduling or instalment option. Bankers say the problem is

now urgent, because under the existing plan begun in 1993 most debtors opted to repay by cash settlement -the deadline for which is only two months away. Early settlement involves a

partial write-off followed by repayment of the balance of September 6, 1995.
Banks are not directly

affected by the dispute, because in a first stage of the debt rescue in 1992 the goverament bought their portfolios of dubious loans with low-yielding bonds. But until the loans are re-

paid and the bonds redeemed, some banks face the prospect of stagnant earnings and a dearth of good Kuwaiti lending risks. Commercial banks' holdings of debt bonds make up 36 per cent of their total assets.

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Study your monetary status well and do whatever is needed for improvement today. Analyse every bit of

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Be practical in handling personal matters and think before you reach any definite decisions. Avoid accidents.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Look into right sources for the data you need and then apply it to improve present conditions. Take no risks with loved ones.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Study your personal desires and find the right and best way to gain them. Take some time

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You an handle outside matters very your credit.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You want to run off to some new place or activity today, but important duties would suffer thereby. Be happy at home tonight.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You think you can handle some financial affairs and thereby get out of the red today, but it could make matters worse. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You have a chance to get

fine arrangements made in the outside world and you should not permit family to interfere. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You have tasks to do which require your careful attention since solvenliness could cost

you today with no progress. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You want to put across some fine talents. Although your ideas work well this morning, be

careful this afternoon. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have to have the cooperation of loved ones for whatever you have in mind concerning family interests.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Listen to the questions of others, but don't make any definite replies as yet until you have given them more thoughty.

Birthstone of July: Ruby - Tiger's Eye



Coffee price slide continues; Brazil refuses to halt exports LONDON (AFP) — Coffee materials, suggested the move in a letter to the Brazi-

prices continued their slide Friday after the world's big-gest producer, Brazil, decided not to join four other Latin American states in temporarily suspending exports

to keep up prices.
On the London futures market, coffee hit a year's low on Thursday and shed another four per cent Friday morning following Brazil's

The September contract was down \$85 to \$2,120 per tonne by late morning Friday. At the opening, the contract had briefly plunged by \$120 from the previous day's

lowest level since June 1994, while as recently as last September they breached the 4,000-dollar barrier for the first time in eight years be-cause of frost followed by

drought in Brazil. On Monday, the world number two producer Colombia, along with Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador, agreed to suspend coffee exports within 30 days in an

attempt to force up prices. Brazil's participation is crucial to the success of any unilateral price support action, analysts say, Indonesia and Ivory Coast, two other major producers, have both said they will not take part in the action.

A Brazilian delegation including representatives from the private sector and headed by Luiz Milton Veloso Lucas, the trade policy chief at the ministry of industry, commerce and tourism, is due to regional producing nations to

discuss the situation. Meanwhile, the Ivory Coast --- which has said it will not suspend its prices - has proposed that a meeting of the major coffee producing countries be held in London around the end of this month to discuss ways of halting the

Guy Alain Gauze, the country's minister of raw

lian chairman of the Association of Coffee Producing Countries (APCP), Rubens Barbosa. Dated July 6, the letter

suggested the meeting be held in the last week of July or the first week of August. Brazil exported 4.65 million 60-kilogramme bags during the first five months of 1995, for \$824.7 million.

Producers will now have to wait and see whether Brazil turns up at Saturday's meeting in Bogota grouping representatives from Colombia, Costa Rica, Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua to review the price situation.

The meeting, which will formalise Monday's decision to suspend sales within 30 days, was initially scheduled for Friday but delayed pending a decision from Brazil.

This drastic fall in coffee prices, coming in the middle of winter in the southern hemisphere, has surprised analysts as Brazil could still suffer a devastating frost at any time.

In a communique released late Thursday in London, the APCP said it was "extremely concerned" with recent market behaviour, which reflected "speculation rather than market fundamentals." out commercial banks' hold-

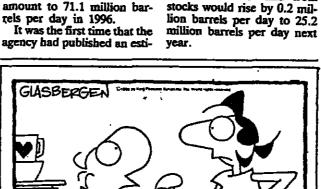
World oil demand to rise in 1996

PARIS (AFP) - World oil mate for the next year. demand is likely to rise by 1.5 2.2 per cent, in 1996, the International Energy Agency

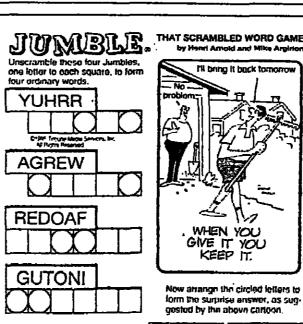
said on Friday. Demand in 1995 would show an increase of 1.6 per cent or 1.1 million barrels per day, the agency said in its monthly report.

World demand would amount to 71.1 million bartels per day in 1996.

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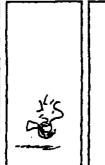
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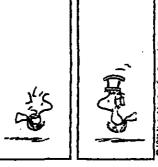
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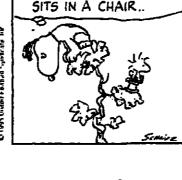
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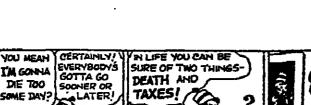
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Civil servants total 137,000

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ublic sector employees. totalling 137,000, work in 85 ministries, departments and. corporations. President of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Abdullah Ulayyan said, Mr. Ulayyan said 60 per cent of the civil servants work in two ministries, which are the ministries of education and health. He said 40 percent of civil servants work in Amman Governorate, 15 per cent in Irbid Governorate, nine per cent in Zarqa Governorate, eight per cent in each of the Balqa and Karak governorates, five per cent in each of Jerash and Ajloun governorates and one per cent in each of Madaba and Agaba governorates. Mr. Ulayyan said women account for 31 per cent of the total government work force. The percentage of female workers is highest in the Ministry of Education where it stands at 55 per cent, he said. The CSC president said the number of job applicants registered at the commission totals 108,000, of whom 33,000 are holders of university degrees and 62,000 are holders of twoyear community college diplomas (Al Ra'i).

** Assistant governor of the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Ahmad Abdul Fattah said the process of preparing a new law on monitoring the work of banks operating in Jordan, including branches of foreign ones, is in its final stages. Mr. Abdul Fattah said the new law aims to boost the role of the Central Bank in monitoring the performance of banks as part of measures taken by the Kingdom to adopt free economy policies and implement the economic reform programme. He said the CBJ was contemplating issuing a decision calling on branches of foreign banks operating in the Kingdom to raise their capital to JD 10 million instead of JD 5 million. This decision, he said, follows one issued by the Central Bank ordering local banks to raise their capital to more than JD 20 million before the end of 1995 (Al Aswaq).

Recent statements by Minister of Finance Basel Jardaneh denying the government intends to reduce customs duties on cars will have little or no effect on the passenger car market, car dealers said. They said the recession in car market was due mainly to high prices of cars, resulting from the high customs duties and other tariffs, which makes prices beyond the reach of ordinary people. They said rumours spreading every now and then about imminent reductions in tariffs have their negative influence on their business and the statements by Mr. Jardaneh will have little effect on boosting their sales since citizens already expect reductions in customs duties before the end of the year. Nevertheless, one car dealer asserted that there was improvement in his business as soon as the minister made his statement(Al Aswaq).

Smith Corona files for bankruptcy

WASHINGTON (AP) - Time was, writing meant typewriting. Words like these — written on a television screen - were composed on the solid keyboard. banged noisily onto a piece of paper, and when they weren't quite right, ripped out and scrapped when the paragraphs just didn't work.

It's easier and faster with the word processor, a reality that pushed the last big-name American typewriter manufacturer, Smith Corona, into bankruptcy on Wednesday.

On the computer keyboard, a touch makes letters and then words, no need to push hard. Another touch changes them, still another crases them all without a trace, usually on purpose.

No need to change paper, no need to turn fingers inky blue or black while changing a ribbon. The computer takes care of all that, and at speeds the old ways couldn't approach couldn't approach.
But at a cost.

There was a romance about the typewriter, the clattering keys, the yellow Western Union paper on which travelling repor-ters would bang out a story and have it telegraphed home. "Western," a newsman would shout when his story was ready, and a messenger would run it to and a messenger would run it to the telegrapher.

Twenty years ago, lightweight portable typewriters in blue, zippered cases were standard equipment for travelling U.S. reporters. Climb aboard a campaign lust or chertered airplane and bus or chartered airplane and everybody had one.

And for all the speed and efficiency of the word processor, there was a discipline in writing the old fashioned way, on paper. The words inked there had a permanence about them and, in memory at least, were chosen with more care for the fact that they weren't easily changed. Indeed, since they had to be telegraphed or dictated over the telephone — to a typist — to make their way to a news editing desk, there also tended to be more selectivity, fewer words.

There also was something per-sonal about the typewriter as a tool. Emic Pyle's typewriter, the black portable on which he wrote columns about World War II Gis, is on display in an exhibit at the National Archives.

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French Franc	0.1431	0.1438
Japanese Yen ^e	0.2138	0.8179
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Saudi Riyal	0.1842	0.1259	
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Qatari Riyal	0.1889	0.1902	
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Sampras wins centrecourt shoot-out

LONDON (AFP) - Pete Sampras, bidding to become the first player since Bjorn Borg to win Wimbledon three years running, reached the final gain on Friday when he defeated big-serving Goran Ivanisevic 7-6 (9-7). 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in a twoand-a-half hour centre-court shoot-out.

The 23-year-old American. who beat the 6ft 4in (1m 94) Croatian in last year's final, now faces either compatriot and world number-one Andre Agassi or three-times champion Boris Becker for the title on Sunday.

Ivanisevic thumped down

38 aces (the match record at Wimbledon is 44) against 21 from Sampras — but it was not enough.

And ironically it was his service which eventually let him down.

Sampras, who recently won his 33rd title when he triumphed at Queens, looked extremely confident as he came out for the second set. But he quickly found himself under intense pressure from the Croatian's tremendous

Ivanisevic, with the ace count scoreboards working overtime, didn't drop a single point on his service games and the packed crowd came to life when he broke Sampras for the first time in the tenth game to level at one set

Sampras, winner of five Grand Slam titles but who lost his number-one status to Andre Agassi in April after being the world's top-ranked player for 101 weeks, came under renewed pressure when he dropped his serve again in the seventh game of the fourth-set.

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back for his opponent.
The defending champion has a special reason for re-taining his title as he wants to dedicate a third Wimbledon victory to his coach Tim Gullikson who was taken ill with a brain tumour at the Austrahian Open earlier this year.

"I was so unlucky today... probably I was born unlamented Ivanisevic lucky." over the number of net cords, mishits and disputed calls

during the match.

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Steffi vs. Arantxa — again in final

WIMBLEDON (AP) - Another women's final, another matchup between who else? - Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

Of the 33 matches they have played against each other, 22 have been in finals - including their last 13 meetings.

But Graf and Sanchez Vicario will face each other Saturday where they never have before: in the championship match at Wimble-

Graf, a five-time Wimbledon champion, reached her seventh final with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 victory Thursday over Jana Novotna.

Sanchez Vicario made it to her first Wimbledon final with a 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-1, triumph over defending champion and fellow Spaniard Conchita Martinez.

Graf is the top seed and world's top-ranked player; Sanchez Vicario is No. 2 in the seedings and rankings. Win or lose Saturday, Graf is guaranteed of keeping the

No. 1 spot. Graf has a 25-8 edge in career meetings against San-chez Vicario, but they have split their last six matches. In their last meeting, Graf beat Sanchez at the French Open last month for her 16th Grand Slam title.

The two met once before at Wimbledon, with Graf winning in straight sets in the 1989 quarterfinals.

"I'm not going to under-estimate her at all," Graf said. "She's been coming through to the finals impressively. One thing I'm not gong to do is feel I'm the absolute favourite. I don't feel like that all right now."

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Jana Novotna

as a heavy 1-3 favourite, with the Spaniard at 9-4. Sanchez Vicario has won

three Grand Slam titles, the French Open in 1989 and 1994 and last year's U.S. But until this year, she had

failed to progress past the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in eight appearances.

"It's a dream come true for me," she said. "After win-ning the French Open, what I wanted to do is play my first final at Wimbledon. My goal was to pass the quarterfinals. I have nothing to lose. Now I just want to see if I can win more. It's every player's dream, to win here on Centre

Always known as a great retriever and defensive player, Sanchez Vicario has adapted her game and her approach for the faster play

on grass.
"My attitude is different," she said. "I'm having much more fun on the grass. I mean I'm the No. 1 player in the world in doubles so I believe I can go to the net and do

diamonds after Futile Willy had made a typical overbid. The Un-

lucky Expert found the brilliant lead of a low club away from the ace and

"Mrs. Guggenheim hovered ago-nized... She pulled out the queen of clubs. She put it back. She pulled it out again. The Unlucky Expert grit-ted his teeth. She played it... "No clubs, partner," (Mr. Smug)

announced, trumping the queen with gusto. He now inspected the hand. Even his cheerful optimism blanched a little 'One or two things

if you study

well there. The way I'm thinking on grass now is com-pletely different." "If they met today, Steffi

would be the winner, but on Saturday it could be a different story," she said. "I think who will be a little more aggressive will win."

Biographies of Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

who contest the women's final at the Wimbledon championships on Saturday: ★ Steffi Graf (Germany) _ ...

Age: 26 Seeded: One Career official prize

oney: \$15.58 million

Singles titles: 16 Grand Slam titles, 91 overall Coach: Heinz Gunthardt Grand Slam record: Won the Australian Open in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, the French Open in 1987, 1988, 1993, 1995, Wimbledon in 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, the

Path to final: Beat Martina Hingis (Switzerland) 6-3, 6-1;

Open in 1988, 1989,

Amanda Coetzer (South Africa) 6-3, 7-5; Kristie Boogert (Netherlands) 6-1, 6-0; Ines Gorrochategui (Argentina) 6-0, 6-1; Mary Joe Fernandez (U.S.) 6-3, 6-0; Jana Novotna

5.7, 6-4, 6-2. Playing style: Right-handed. Despite injurydisrupted season, she remains undefeated on any surface this year. One of the quickest and strongest players on tour. Relies heavily on her powerful forehand and a consistent sliced backhand. Has won at least one Grand Slam title in every season since 1987. Her lack of success last year prompted suggestions she might be losing interest in tennis but she bounced back to win French Open and reslot in Paris.

★ Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain)

Age: 23 Seeded: Two Career official prize money: \$9.25 million Singles titles: Three Grand

Slam titles, 22 overall Coach: Gabriel Urpi Grand Slam Record: Won the French Open in 1989, 1994, U.S. Open in 1994

Path to final: Beat Katarina Studentikova (Slovakia) 6-2, 6-1; Mana Endo (Japan) 7-5, 6-2; Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-1, 6-2; Anke Huber 7-5, 6-4; Brenda Schultz-McCarthy 6-4, 7-6; Conchita Martinez 6-

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The German Chess Fed-M eration was disappointed but ... understood the situation, general secretary Horst Metzing said.

Celtic Swing retired for rest of 1995

LONDON (R) - Celtic Swing, the winner of the Prix du Jockey-Club, has been retired for the rest of the 1995 season, owner Peter Savill announced on Friday.
Savill said: "We have decided to retire him for the

rest of 1995 in order to give him every chance of a full recovery as a four-year-old." Celtic Swing followed up

his Newmarket 2,000 Guineas second to Pennekamp with a hard-fought success at Chantilly in the French Derby. But the colt, a top two-

year-old once hailed as a possible star, failed to reproduce that form at the Curragh in the Irish Derby last Sunday, finishing eigth and returning home lame on his off-fore shin. Savill said "there is no

doubt that his below-par run in the Irish Derby was caused by the injury sustained, we believe, on the turn into the straight."



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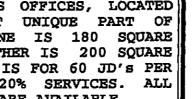
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Blijlevens wins longest stage

DUNKERQUE, France (AP) — Dutch cyclist Jeroen Blijlevens may have knew something big was about to happen. He called home before the tour de France started and told his mother "come to the tour. I'm going to win a stage."

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Mother Blijlevens stayed home while her 23-year-old son took the fifth stage of the tour de France Thursday, beating the other top-name sprinters in a race to the

Maybe mom will listen to Jeroen next time. Blijlevens edged ahead of Slovaian Jan Svorada and German Erik Zabel at the finish with Mario Cipollini of Italy, already the winner of two stages, and Djamolidine Abdoujaparov of Uzbekis-

tan, also trailing. "At one kilometre from the finish, I chose to stay right behind Abdou," Blijlevens said. "With 300 metres to go, I passed him and it was really something to also beat Cipollini."

Italy's Ivan Gotti staved ahead of his teammate Biarne Riis of Denmark by a second in the overall standings as the riders prepare to enter Belgium on Friday. The sixth stage Friday goes

from Dunkerque to Charler-oi, Belgium, 202 kilometres. Gotti, with no major victories to his credit, spent his full day in the yellow Jersey by staying out of trouble as did the favourites.

Miguel Indurain, seeking another sprint finish. his fifth consecutive victory in the tour, Tony Rominger and Yevgeny Berzin of Russia, all finished in the same time and lost nothing in the overall standings to Gotti.

★ Yellow Jersey — Ivan Gotti of Italy held onto his one-second lead over teammate Bjarne Riis of Denmark.

★ How the others fared — **Tour de France**

The only change among the top 15 in the overall standings was with Laurent Jalabert of France, who lost the overall lead and 50 seconds to Gotti on Wednesday after a fall. The Frenchman started to chip away by gaining six bonus seconds in intermediate sprints.

Jalabert stayed eighth but is now 34 seconds away from the lead after the longest stage of this year's tour, 261 kilometres (162 miles) from Fecamp to Dunkerque in northwest France.

Two top riders had to drop out. Belgian champion Wilfried Nelissen and Italian Fabio Baldato, the winner of the first stage, withdrew from the race, victims of the fall on Wednesday that cost Jalabert

Tour de France glance

A quick look at Thursday's stage of the Tour de France: ★ Stage — The fifth stage from Fecamp to Dunkerque, 261 kilometres (162 miles), the longest stage of this year's

★ Winner — Dutch rider Jeroen Blijlevens won in

Miguel Indurain and Tony Rominger were among the finishers in the same time in

the stage. Overall Indurain is 10th while Rominger is 16th. ★ Laurent Jalabert was the only rider of the top 15 to gain as he moved six seconds nearer to Gotti with some bonus sprints.

★ The Americans — bad day for the Motorola Team. More than haif of the squad finished more than two minutes with Lance Armstrong-2:37 back.

Frankie Andreu was 10th on the day and is 22nd over-

Tour tidbit - Fabio Baldato, the winner of the first stage of the Tour de France. had to drop out of the race after being the worst injured in Wednesday's fall. He had 12 stitches on his face and lip.

★ Quote of the day — "when I was growing up, I saw in the yellow Jersey Hinault, Fignon, Lemond. I never Imagined Ivan Gotti would wear it." Gotti on his surprising lead in the race. * The next stage — the

sixth stage from Dunkerque to Charleroi, Belgium 202 kilometres (125 miles).

ranking, according to the

source close to the tour. Graf

said that with her own physic-

al problems, particularly her chronically aching back, she

doesn't know how many

tournaments she might play.

Graf was concerned that she

might not play 12 tourna-

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Romanian rower banned for lite

BUCHAREST (R) — Romanian internation- punishment existing in our sport for that — a al oarswoman Fanica Hanuseac, who was in life ban," RRF deputy general secretary training for the 1996 Olympics, has been Daniela Busetoiu said. banned for life for failing a dope test, the

Romanian Rowing Federation (RRF) said on The 28-year-old Hanuseac, who competed in last year's world championships at Indiana-"Hanuseac failed a random doping test polis under her former name Costea, was earlier this year and the World Rowing preparing for the Atlanta Olympics with the Governing body (FISA) chose the only Romanian women's eight.

WTA to decide Seles ranking

WIMBLEDON (AP) -Monica Seles plans to return to women's tennis despite infighting among players on the WTA Tour that led to a rejection of a proposal to give her special ranking consid-

"I never asked for anything," Seles said from her home in Florida, according to her spokeswoman.

Seles is set to announce her comeback Saturday during a news conference at the Special Olympics in New Haven, Zonn., and is expected to play her first Grand Slam event in 21/2 years at the U.S. Open in August.

Seles' first match will be a televised exhibition with Martina Navratilova in Atlantic City on July 29, though it is uncertainwhether she will play any tour events before the open. She's been practising daily, coached by her father, and her comeback does not hinge on any allowances the WTA

tour makes for her ranking. "Monica has never asked for special ranking consideration, and her decision on whether or not to return has nothing to do with that," said Linda Dozoretz, spokeswoman for Seles' representative at international management group.

"She's not worried about her ranking," Dozoretz said. "It would have been a very nice gesture to show that they really wanted her back and were-willing- to-make_allowances, but it's not something that will make a differ-

ence with her. I don't think she had any expectations of getting anything. She feels that if and when she comes back, she'li earn her own ranking. Anything the play-ers say or do has nothing to ...do with her decision!?

Seles was stabbed in the back in Hamburg, Germany on April 30, 1993 by a deranged fan of Steffi Graf. Graf has spoken publicly of to the tour, but it was Graf who was among the most adamant in objecting to the ranking proposal for Seles, according to a source close to the WTA.

Navratilova, president of the WTA Tour, originally proposed that Seles be coranked No. 3 because Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario have been going back and forth as No. 1 over the past year. But some players objected, saying that Seles was No. 1 when she left and

should come back as No. 1. Navratilova then proposed at a WTA Tour meeting Sunday that Seles to co-ranked No. 1 for her first six tournaments or 12 months, whichever came first, and that for the next 18 months her ranking average be calculated differently from other players. In essence, Seles' ranking would be based on the number of tournaments she played, rather than the regular minimum of 12 within

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Graf objected to that method of calculating Seles'

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|Baggio joins|| AC Milan

MILAN (AP) — Roberto Baggio joined AC Milan in the most expensive transfer in the Italian League this year, completing the long-rumoured deal for an estimated 31 billion lire (\$19.3

that paid by Parma, which spent \$10.5 million for Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov in a transfer from Spain's FC Barcelona.

both AC Milan and Juventus, which parted with the 28striker after five seasons because of a contract dispute.

The 1993 European Player of the Year and a key figure in Italy's drive to last year's World Cup final, Baggio refused to take a 50 per cent cut that would have reduced his salary to about \$1 million.

According to sources at AC Milan, which is owned by former premier and media magnate Silvio Bertusconi. Baggio will get about \$2.18 million lire a year, for three years, while La Juve will received about 20 billion lire (\$12.5 million) from the transfer over two years.

Baggio's transfer is nearly double the \$11.5 million Juventus paid to get him from Fiorentina in 1990, then a world record. However, it now falls fall short of the current world record of about \$25 million, paid by AC Milan for Guinluigi Lentini to get him from Torino in 1992.

Juventus, which is owned by the Agnelli family of auto makers, wished Baggio success in a farewell message, noting he was going to play "with one of the most titled and successful world clubs."

Although benched by a knee injury for nearly three months, Baggio was in-strumental in Juventus' league and Italian Cup titles this past season, in which it also reached the UEFA Cup final only to lose to Parma.

Called the Raphael of soccer fields by Juventus club owner Giovanni Agnelli, Baggio will join an AC Milan that also has recently acquired Nigerian-born striker George Weah and Portuguese forward Paulo Futre. The trio will team with

other internationals such as Montenegrin forward Dejan Savicevic, french midfielder Marcel Desailly and Italians and Demetrio Albertini. After the official

Navratilova's proposal was criticised in Sunday's meeting announcement of his transfer, Baggio traveled to Milan to undergo medical examina-tions and discuss details of his by the proposal, but her friend, No. 3 Conchita Marpersonal contract.

In a recent television interview Baggio ruled out possi-ble problems of coexistance with Savicevic.

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Jordan again defeat Al Jala' By Alcen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Jordan's women's national basketmillion). The transfer fee eclipsed ball team Thursday scored their victory over Syrian champions Al Jala' 45-37 in the third of a four match series organised by the Jor-dan Basketball Federation The deal was confirmed by The win was important for the Jordanian team who now have less than two vear-old Italian international weeks to prepare for the

Asian Championship which will be held in Shizuoka, Japan July 23-30. Syrian champions Al Jala' were due to play their last match late Friday evening. (The match will be covered Sunday). Al Jala' had won the first match 69-51, but the Jordanian team came back for a convincing 54-37 victory in the second match. Thursday's match at Al Orthodoxi proved that the

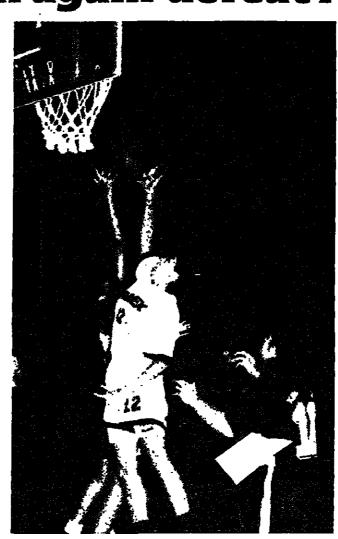
Kingdom's team were improving with every match. and that all that was needed was match practice in order to best adapt to one another's play taking into account that the team was only regrouped earlier this year after a 12-year absence from the basketball scene.

Jordan's Jumana Salti was again the match's top scorer with 17 points. (She had 28 points in the first match and 19 in the second). Tala Al Mauje had 10 and Jihan Abdulnour 7. Jordan missed the efforts of Suhair Makusi who suffered a slight injury in the first match.

Al Jala's top players were held to low scoring as Joel Abboushi had 9, Elo Mouradian 8, Karla Maghamez and Miriam Abdulnour 7. Al Jala' took a big lead at

the beginning of the first half at 9-2 and 11-4 with Elo Mouradian, Joel Abboushi and Karla Maghamez scoring for the Syrian team." "

Jordan's Tala Al Mauje who was unsuccessful in the first two matches, netted eight points together with



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jordan's Tala Al Mauje #12 goes for a jump ball (File photo)

Jihan Abdulnour while Hind Ghouri rebounded as Jordan caught up and took the lead 18-15 in the 17th

minute. Jordan won the first half 24-18.

At the beginning of the second half, Al Jala' applied a press defence which caused many turnovers and allowed them to score by Abboushi and Miriam Abdulnour to reduce the gap to 32-30 for Jordan.

The Kingdom's team led 35-30 before Al Jala scored to reduce the gap to 35-34. However, the concerted efforts of playmaker Hala Muheisen and the team's star centre Jumana Salti enabled Jordan to keep the lead and win the match

45-37. Although happy with the

win, Jordan's coach Fadi Sabbah seemed unsatisfied with the team's preparations: "We are improving with every match. However we had requested at least 10-16 matches prior to the Asian Championship and the team ended up with only four."

The Jordanian team was due to have played another four matches against a Ukrainian team. However, citing a cash-strapped budget, the JBF cancelled these matches earlier last week.

Prior to their two loses against the national team the Syrian champions had a 3-0 record over Jordanian teams. They beat Jordan's 1994 champions Al Jazireh twice in Aleppo early last year and again in July '94 when they finished second behind Lebanon's Homentmen in Al Jazireh's fiveteam regional championship.

Al Jala' currently lead the standings in the Syrian League and will play a three-round playoff against titleholders Al Horrieh and Al Ourouba clubs starting July 19.

Five of Al Jala's players are on the Syrian national team including Al Yarmouk club's powerful centre Elo Mouradian.

Other national team players include Karin and Miriam Abdulnour, Karla Maghamez, Dina Abdul Samad and Joel Abboushi. Other players are Reem Shakkour, Nour Tarabishi, Tania_Ribat, Aleen Khokaz, Regina Maqdesi and

Wa'ed Karroum. The Kingdom's team includes Rana Husseini, Tala Al Mauje, Jumana Salti, Hala Muheisen, Shubair Makusi, Andeira Qassesieh, Tetiana Qardan, Hind Ghouri, Sirsa Naghaway. Dima Shadeed, Zein Sha'sha, Rania Al Dajani and Jihan Abdulnour.

NBA superstar shows up at Orthodoxi

Prior to the women's match NBA superstar, Hakim the dream Olajuwon showed up for the vouth Under-18 team's practice where over 2000 basketball fans had crowded the court after hearing of his last minute plans.

Now on a brief visit on his way to Umra pilgrim-age, Olajuwon had a brief warmup with the youth team who will be leaving for the World Championship Sunday. He then played a match for a few minutes, but failed to captivate his fans who were eager to see some slam dunks and action-packed moves.

Olajuwon is the NBA's Most Valuable Player in the past two seasons as he led his team, the Houston Rockets, to two consecutive NBA championship ti-

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Sarajevo demands effective action by reaction force

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — A senior Bosnian official has challenged the U.N. to make its aid mission effective or pull out as peacekeepers outlined limits on Friday on the use of their new rapid reaction force (RRF).

"If you (the U.N.) are not going to be effective in carrying out your mission, then I think you should consider the option of leaving," Foreign Minister Mohammad Sacireby said in Washington.

Withdrawal of the 22,000strong mission is increasingly regarded as an option as Bosnian Serbs cripple aid operations and the Bosnian government fights to lift the siege of Sarajevo.

Mediator Carl Bildt said peace prospects were bleak after talks with Bosnian Presindent Alija Izetbegovic on

U.N. sources said he could travel to Belgrade on Friday to meet Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who is seen as the key to persuading the Bosnian Serbs to lift their veto on a big power peace

The 10,000-man RRF has become enveloped in confusion since European governments ordered its creation in June to give U.N. peacekeep-

The RRF is still not fully deployed, and the bureaucratic and political forces para-lysing the U.N Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Bosnia have been hedging it too with restrictions.

U.N. officials admitted on Thursday that U.N. special envoy Yasushi Akashi would have to authorise any poten-tial combat mission by the reaction force. Mr. Akashi, and avowed

opponent of force, is widely blamed by U.N. military commanders for thwarting their efforts to tackle the Serbs head-on when they flout the U.N..

Officials said on Friday that it was unlikely the RRF's extra firepower would be used to deter Serb bombard-

apologises

LONDON (AP) — The Sun-

day Times apologised in

court Friday to former Labour Party leader Michael

Foot for a story which linked him with the KGB.

The newspaper said it was paying Mr. Foot's legal costs

and "substantial" damages.

Mr. Foot sued the Sunday

Times and it owner, Rupert

Murdoch, because of a front-

page story published Feb. 19 under the headline, "KGB:

Michael Foot was our agent."

The amount of damages

was not disclosed, but the

Guardian newspaper said Fri-

day that the settlement would

cost the Sunday Times at

Mr. Foot, 81, was leader of

The Sunday Times re-

ported claims that Soviet

agents gave Mr. Foot small

less than £150 (\$250) to help

support the Tribune, a left-

wing newspaper.
The Sunday Times said it

interviewed seven former

KGB agents including the British double agent, Oleg

Gordievsky.
"To many readers the arti-

cies could or would have sug-

gested that he was a spy or

influential KGB agent who

had knowingly and willingly supplied inside information

on British politics and other

matters to the KGB, thereby

betraying his country, col

leagues and the democratic

principles he has always up-

held and causing serious

damage to the national in-

terest," said Mr. Foot's attor-

In court Friday, the Sun-

The Sunday Times' attor-

ney, Alastair Brett, said the

newspaper believed the

allegations were of public

concern and that it took

reasonable steps to check the

never intended making any of the allegations." Mr. Brett

said. "It honestly believed it

had made it clear that the

article did not accuse Mr.

Foot of being a KGB spy.

agent or confidential contact.

or of any improper conduct."

"But the Sunday Times

day Times said it did not

believe Mr. Foot was a KGB

ney, Geoffrey Robertson.

the Labour Party from 1980

to 1983.

least £250,000 (\$400,000).

Sunday

Times

to Foot

force aid across Serbs territory to beleaguered Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia.

"It's an extra dose of morphine for a dying patient," one source said in Sarajevo. 'It will bring short-term relief but won't solve a thing unless there's a political break-

Serb artillery attacks on Sarajevo civilians since the spring have inflicted scores of casualties and turned the clock back to the worst days of the three-year war.

Peacekeepers have done nothing to relieve the city's plight while Mr. Bildt tries to crank up a fresh peace initiative and the RRF is slowly deployed.

There is nothing in the RRF mandate which would let the force step in when the shelling gets out of control although the past has shown that an excessive rise in the death toll prompts public de-mands in the West for action.

A U.N. official said it would remain policy to run aid convoys to the enclaves only with Serb permission, even when RRF tanks, artillery and attack helicopters come available.

Shelling and sniper fire kil-led eight civilians in a U.N.guarded Muslim enclave Thursday and early Friday. including a couple and their six-year-old daughter who were waiting in line for wa-

A shell hit Hana Djorem, her husband, Bozo, and their daughter Magdalena as a French water truck pulled up and started its motor to pump water, the girl died instantly; her parents died later at a

The Bosnian Health Ministry said two other children were among the dead, and 18 civilians were wounded in the Sarajevo enclave, where people must decide daily whether to hide in their cellars, hungry and thirsty, or risk their lives to venture out for water and ever scarcer food. On Thursday, an attack by

held Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia was the fiercest since it was declared a U.N. "safe area" two years ago. Five civilians were killed and 19 were wounded, said Sarajevo state-run radio. The enclave was under shelling again Fri-

Sarajevo Radio said five civilians were wounded Thursday and early Friday in a Serb attack on the eastern enclave, Zepa, and that 105 detonations were recorded overnight in the area of Veli-

ka Kladusa, north of Bihac. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR) reported that the first food convoy since May 20 had reached the eastern Muslim enclave of Gorazde, where 56,000 residnets "are in an extremely desperate

The nine-truck convoy brought 78 tonnes of food, and another seven-truck convoy was trying to get in with 46 tonnes. But the people of Gorazde need 772 tonnes per month, the UNHCR said.

Gorazde, Bihac, Zepa Srebrenica, Tuzla and Sarajevo were declared U.N. protected "safe zones" in 1993. But the United Nations has had difficulty getting humanitarian aid to the civilians within the enclaves, and has been unable to prevent Serbs from attacking them or government forces from usng them as bases for attacks against the Serbs.

In Thursday's battle in Srebrenica, 10 shells hit a camp of Dutch U.N. peacekeepers, and a U.N. observation post on the front line between the Muslim defenders and the Serb besiegers was damaged. U.N. officials said none of the 450 Dutch in the enclave were

There was no report Friday that the peacekeepers were withdrawing from their post, as they did after a Serb attack last month on another watch-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arabs quit Likud citing extremist policies

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Nine Arab members of the Israeli right-wing opposition Likud quit the party on Friday in protest at the leadership's refusal to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Suleiman Diab, a member of the politburo, and eight other Arabs out of 47 who sit on the political results of the politic

the Likud central committee, said they had sent a

resignation letter to party leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The extremist positions adopted by the Likud recently

and the refusal of the party to talk with the PLO," were

behind the decision, Mr. Diab told Israel radio. He also hit

out at certain Likud deputies for "wanting to take back

control of Gaza and having made discriminatory comments about the Arabs of Israel." The Likud picked up 30,000

votes — equivalent to one deputy — from the 800,000 strong Arab population living in Israel at the 1992 general

elections. Mr. Nentanyahu is facing a crisis after his number two and former foreign minister David Levy

walked out in June and set up his own movement, with an

eye on the general elections due in November 1996. The

Likud leader complains that the peace process is leading to

the creation of a Palestinian state and says he will cut all

links with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat if he is elected

32 killed in fighting in central Somalia

MOGADISHU (AFP) — At least 32 people have been

killed in factional fighting in Somalia's central Galgudud

region this week, clan leaders said Friday. Militias from the

Marehan clan who support the Somali National Front

(SNF) faction, and those from the Ayr subclan of Moga-

dishu warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed's Habr Gedir,

fought with recoilless rifles, anti-aircraft missiles and

machine-guns in the towns of Mataban and Al Gab.

Fighting was fierce during the past three days when 23 of

the 32 victims, who included women and children, were

killed, SNF spokesman Issa Ugas Tarabi told a news

conference here. The violence is believed to have been

provoked by the murder of an SNF supporter in Moga-

dishu, allegedly by General Aideed's followers. Mr. Tarabi claimed Gen. Aideed had dispatched some 50 battle-

wagons as reinforcements to his fighters in Galgudud and

urged all non-Habr Gedir Somalis to block their passage.

He appealed to all SNF to evacuate south Mogadishu, Gen.

Aideed's fiefdom, as soon as possible. But Aideed suppor-

ters dismissed Mr. Tarabi's statement as "baseless and

provocative" and promised to investigate the allegations.

Indian team to visit Iraq to study railways

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A team of Indian officials will visit

Iraq from July 18 to study Iraqi needs in the development of its railway network, Railway Minister C.K. Jaffer Sharief said Friday. The team "will make a first-hand assessment of the country's needs in the transport sector."

Sharief said after a meeting here with Iraqi Transport Minister Ahmad Murtadah. Mr. Murtadah earlier sought

Indian assistance to develop its transport sector. The

Indian government has in the past laid rail lines in Iraq and

Egyptian policeman shoots colleague

ASSIUT (R) — An Egyptian policeman who shot and seriously wounded a colleague who did not stop at

checkpoint has received a reward of 100 pounds (\$29) for

strict adherence to orders, security sources said on Friday.

They said the incident was on Thursday night in the

troubled town of Mallawi, which is under a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

curfew because of regular attacks on the police by the

Gama'a Al Ismaliyah, the main militant organisation

fighting the Egyptian government. A police officer, named

as Captain Mahmoud Abdul Badi Ibrahim, was driving

home at about midnight in his private car and in civilian

clothes, the sources said. He drove straight through the

checkpoint and policeman Mohammad Saad opened fire at

the departing car, they added.

provided a variety of assistance to Iraqi railways.



WARES FOR WAGES: A Ukrainian woman sells pots, pans and kettles to drivers outside the Novomoskovsky plant in the Dnepropetrovsky region of Ukraine. Many workers at Ukrainian plants receive factory production items instead of

U.N. must seal biological file —Iraq

DUBAI (Agencies) - The United Nations must confirm the elimination of Iraq's biological arms programme before Baghdad agrees to the destruction of other weapons parts, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammad Al Sahaf said Friday. "Once this (biological) file is closed, we will be ready to

examine with UNSCOM a list of material to be destroyed," said Mr. Sahaf, quoted in the Arabic newsnaper Al Hayat from New

Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) on disarming post-war Iraq, said in a letter released Wednesday that Baghdad was refusing to destroy ballistic missile parts dis-

covered early this year. "Thus, the commission has not yet completed one of its

important tasks in the missile

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Ira-

nian President Akbar Hashe-

mi Rafsanjani said on Friday

a U.S. embargo against Iran

had failed and the country's

economy and national unity

had improved under Amer-

say that our economy is in

better shape after the U.S.

embargo than... before," Mr.

Rafsanjani said at a mass

prayer broadcast live on

the U.S. aimed to destroy is

stronger now. People saw...

that a superpower had shar-

pened its sword to weaken

our economy, so everybody

became ready to defend," he

said in reference to the ban

imposed in June by President

Bill Clinton on United States

trade and investment with

supported the embargo...

and many countries officially opposed it, Mr. Rafsanjani

said to the cheers of the

crowd gathered under the bot

summer sun at Tehran Uni-

"Americans either do not

really know, which is not

"Internationally only Israel

"Our national unity which

"It is no exaggeration if we

ican pressure.

Tehran Radio.

Iran. -

Iran, Rafsanjani says .

tions.

area as defined by the relevant (U.N.) Security Council resolutions," Mr. Ekeus

But Mr. Sahaf told Al Hayat that his country had promised to fill in the gaps on its germ warfare programme by mid-July and expected UNSCOM to close the file 'before the end of August."

Iraq has admitted for the first time that it developed an offensive biological weapons programme, Mr. Ekeus said in his letter to the Security Council

The former Swedish diplomat said Baghdad pledged to provide by the end of the month "a full, final and complete disclosure of all aspects of the past biological weapons programme."
UNSCOM says Baghdad

has yet to account for 17 tonnes of growth culture.

Mr. Al Sahaf said the

tion on Iran is very distorted,

or they just pretend," he

added, giving examples of

development projects he said

were being carried out at a

high pace despite the sanc-

Mr. Rafsanjani said a ma-

jor aim of Washington's poli-

cy on Iran was to cover up

American domestic problems

by concentrating on foreign conflicts, but it had also

"We hope that in the fu-

ture the U.S. would give up

cused the United States of

seeking to block oil and gas

deals between Iran and its

Washington banned U.S.

companies from extending

loans to Turkmenistan if the

Central Asian country de-

cided to export its natural gas

to Europe through Iran, he

"This is shameful. What

kind of interference is that?

The United States treats

other countries like its lack-

eys and dictates to them," he

said. "But such bullying no

longer works. The world is

charged.

such adventurism," he said. Mr. Rafsanjani also ac-

failed to achieve that.

biological programme was halted in 1990 before the outbreak of the Gulf war which drove its troops out of Kuwait, "because stocking these agents turned out to be very dangerous.'

The Security Council imposed crippling sanctions on trag after its invasion of the emirate in August 1990.

Lifting the oil embargo depends on Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions to eliminate its nuclear, chemical and biological arms programmes as well as ballistic missiles with a range of more than 150 kilometres.

Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz vowed Thursday his country would con-from to U.N. resolutions and hoped UNSCOM would soon confirm that Baghdad had destroyed its weapons of mass

Mr. Ekeus said Iraq, in an

"oral statement" during his visit to Baghdad last week, had "admitted for the first time the offensive nature" of its biological weapons prog-Prior to that admission, Iraq had insisted that its

military biological weapons programme "was limited in scope to defensive research and that no weapons or agents had ever been produced," he wrote. According to the Iraqi government, its biological

weapons programme was transferred in early 1986 to the Salman Pak site, where research and development continued, Mr. Ekeus said. In mid-1988, Al Hakam was selected as the site for production of agents for biological warfare. Produc-

tion of the biological (Continued on page 3)

U.S. embargo boosted | State defends informant

in New York blast trial

secutors in the trial of Egyp tian Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman sought to reinforce the credibility of a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) witness after defence attorneys suggested the agency bungled its handling of a key informant in the World

Trade Centre bombing. Among the questions raised by defence lawyers was how informant Emad Salem, while working on behalf of the government, managed to make 66 unauthorised tape

recordings.

The defence also tried to undermine the credibility of Salem and FBI Agent John Anticev to discredit transcripts of conversations taped by Mr. Salem. The lawyers want to prove that the FBI and Mr. Salem teamed up to fabricate a conspiracy involv-

ing the defendants where, the lawyers assert, none existed. On Thursday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald pointedly asked the FBI agent what he thought the defence lawyers were get-

ting at.
"Did you plant any evidence in this case?" Mr. Fitzgerald asked Mr. Apticev.

wing, is charged with murder-ing his wife Naina Sahni, 29,

and attempting to burn her

body in the open-air tandoor

oven of a downtown hotel

Mr. Sharma in his applica-

tion described himself as a

resident of Madras and said

he was not present in New

Delhi on Sunday night when

the body of his wife was

"Did you plant any evidence on any defendants?" the prosecutor asked.

"No," the agent said. "Did you destroy any evidence?"

"As you sit here today, do you believe that Emad Salem blew up the World Trade Centre?" Mr. Fitzgerald asked. "Absolutely not," Mr.

Anticev answered. The last question came in response to a defence lawver who raised the possibility that the informant might have had a role in the February 1993

Three hours after the explosion that killed six people and injured more than 1,000. Mr. Salem checked into a Manhattan hotel complaining of dizziness and an ear problem, testimony has shown.

Transcripts of recordings secretly made by Mr. Salem show that he bragged to FBI agents after the blast that he had warned them beforehand that the bombing was likely.

Mr. Salem infiltrated a suspected group in 1991 and supplied the FBI with information about them until July 1992.

Christo begins unwrapping Reichstag

BERLIN (R) - Workers began unwrapping the "wrap-ped Reichstag" Friday, re-moving the silvery cloth and blue cords that have covered Germany past the future parliament for the last two weeks. Officials estimated the art work by Bulgarian-born Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude had drawn over five million viewers, more than the three million who came to see their wrapping of Paris' Pont Neuf Bridge in 1985. The artists were not on hand to see work crews start removing the draping, their spokesman said. "It would be too sad for them to see the end of their work." Professional climbers began unwrapping the building's interior courtyard and should be finished by Monday. They will also have to remove scaffolding that protected omate exterior carvings, but no trace of the project will remain by July 23. The project capped more than 20 years of campaigning by Christo, who has become famous by encircling Florida islands in pink plastic and erecting thousands of blue and yellow umbrellas in Japan and California simultaneously. The artists footed the \$11 million bill themselves, hoping to recover their costs with spin-off prints and postcards.

4 injured in 1st San Fermin bull run

PAMPLONA, Spain (R) — Four men were injured two of them seriously, on the first day of bull running in the San Fermin Festival in Pamplona. northwest Spain. A 49-yearold Spaniard was gored on the side of the face by one of six bulls let loose to charge through the city's narrow streets, and an 23-year-old American was hit in the body. A Spaniard and a New Zealander were treated in hospital with minor injuries, but the run was generally quick and clean. The bulls, led by hundreds of runners in traditional Basque costume of white tunics and red sashes, completed the 900metre dash to the city's bull ring in less than three minutes. The San Fermin Festival, which gained fame through Ernest Hemingway's novel The Sun Also Rises, continues for nine days with a bull run each morning.

Gore's mother hospitalised after heart attack

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) - Pauline Gore, the 83-year-old mother of U.S. Vice President Al Gore, has suffered a heart attack and was hospitalised. Bill Hance, a hospital spokesman, said Mrs. Gore was conscious and in fair condition. She was brought to Vanderbilt Medical Centre about 12:30 a.m. (0430 GMT), he said. The vice president and his wife, Tipper Gore, arrived Wednesday morning from Washington to see Mrs. Gore, who was taken to the hospital from her home in Carthage, about 80 kilometres (50 miles) east of Nashville. Mrs. Gore, a lawyer, was one of the first female graduates of the Van-derbilt University Law School. She suffered a stroke two years ago that slightly damaged her peripheral vi-

Ambulances, fire engine obey dog's call

TOKYO (AFP) __ Two ambulances and a fire engine have rushed to a Tokyo condominium after receiving an emergency call, only to find a dog sitting in front of a tele-phone with a receiver off, dailies said Friday. "We've never had such a case before." a Tokyo Fire Department official was quoted as saying by the Yomiuri Shimbun. "The dog must have hit 119 accidentally while playing with the phone." The fire department, which is able to trace the origin of telephone calls, received the call from the condominium in eastern Tokyo Thursday morning Although the caller did not speak, there were sounds of a. dog barking, and officials presumed that the caller was too sick to speak. The three vehicles with 14 rescue members were sent to the site immediately.

unlikely since their informamore aware today." "No," Mr. Anticev re-Tandoori murder suspect granted court protection

restaurant,

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A court in southern India granted protection from arrest Friday to a ruling party politician wanted for the murder of his wife, whose body was burned in a res-

taurant oven, officials said. Madras Session Court Judge M. Gopalaswamy granted "anticipatory bail" to Congress (I) politician Sushil Kumar Sharma in line with a judicial procedure that offers protection to persons fearing arrest, they said.

The order preventing Mr. Sharma's arrest on murder charges would remain in force for two weeks, the Mr. Sharma's lawyer.

Anantha Naraina, said he moved the bail petition "after a politician asked him by telephone to do so." He would not divulge the name of the caller or disclose Mr. Sharma's whereabouts.

In his proxy application, the 36-year-old Sharma said he was the victim of a political vendetta. "I am afraid to go to Delhi because I would be arrested and put in shame," the application said.

Anticipatory bail is generally granted only if an applicant appears in person before the court and convinces a judge that his or her life is in danger or that he or she is the subject of police harassment. A senior police officer said

he did not expect the bail application to hold up. "We will continue our operations and we will hunt him down." Additional Police Commissioner Maxwell Pereira said.

"There are some very clear directives issued by the supreme court on the subject." he said. "We are going to contest it since it is invalid." Mr. Sharma, a former president of the New Delhi

chapter of the party's youth

stuffed into the oven for a clandestine cremation. Mr. Sharma is a partner in the festaurant, located in the Ashok Yatri Nivas. The manager of the restaurant is under arrest. Police detectives on Friday

mounted surveillance on the New Delhi homes of unspecified Congress leaders amid shelter with a friend.

The alleged involvement of Mr. Sharma and Keshav Kumar, a former Delhi

speculation that the fugitive politician may have taken

Youth Congress official who has been arrested, has sparked speculation that the investigation could lead to a wider political scandal.

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Congress president, has ordered a probe into reports that Mr. Sharma and his slain wife had close links with certain cabinet ministers. Mr. Pereira said Mr. Shar-

ma could face the death penalty if convicted of murdering his wife and described it as an "open-andshut case."

The murder has sparked protests in New Delhi by women's groups and various political parties. Indian "Bandit Queen"

Phoolan Devi led a protest here Friday to demand the death penalty, but was stopped by police from marching on the prime minister's house, with ses said.

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